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# THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA GATEWAY

Thursday, March 18, 1993

## Loan defaults reach \$1B

### Feds examine alternatives

by Jeff Aplin

The accumulation of student loan defaults will surpass the \$1 billion mark nation-wide this year.

The federal government established a student loan programme almost 30 years ago and over that period defaulted loans have left the government with a \$1.22 billion debt from cumulative student loan defaults. For the 1992/1993 fiscal year student loan defaults will total \$25 million.

One proposal the government is considering to reform the loan programme is a risk-sharing arrangement with banks and other financial institutions. Under that system the government would not guarantee loans but would pay lenders a premium of five per cent of the loan value.

Students' Union vp external Terence Filewych said the risk-sharing programme with banks could be a dangerous one from the student's point of view.

"From the lender's perspective, they're going to be looking at job prospects for students and whether the degree programme you're going into is going to be getting you a job after graduation."

Filewych said he opposed the risk-sharing system because it could influence students who require loans to choose a degree they are less interested in but is more viable for a career.

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—VP External  
Terence Filewych

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Students requiring loans to attend university could be in a position to limit their Faculty choice in order to receive a loan.

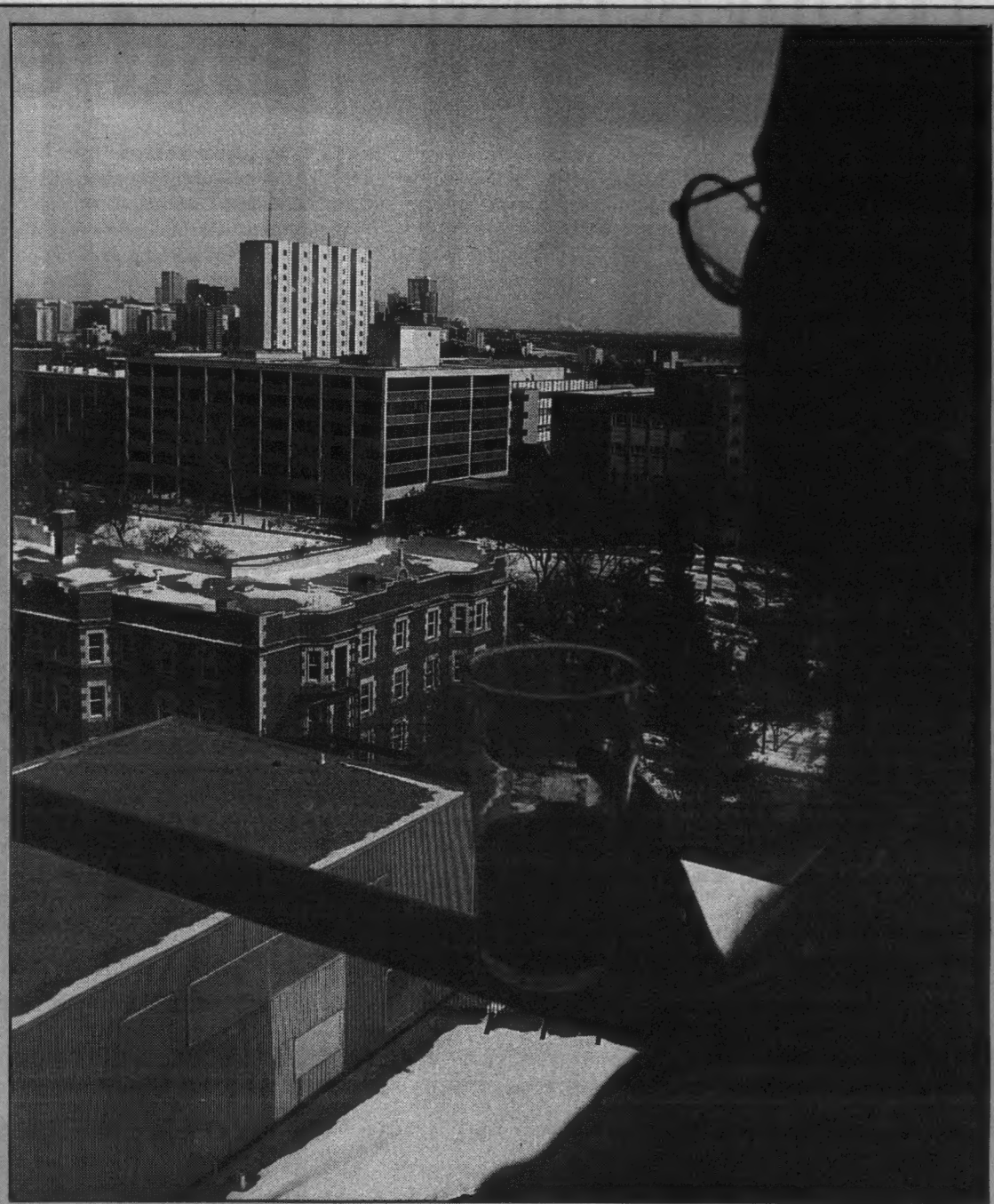
"Does this mean that banks will be looking at liberal arts programmes and saying 'well, these students are not going to be getting loans as quickly as students in the faculty of Business?'" said Filewych.

Filewych said between 35 and 50 per cent of student loan defaults come not from publicly funded institutions like universities, but from private vocational colleges.

"The default rate for publicly funded institutions is between six and eight per cent."

This year the SU forwarded a proposal to the provincial government advocating an income contingent loan system where loan repayment would be directly tied to the income tax system. Filewych said if that system is adopted the loan default problem would be solved.

"The only way you could default on a loan that is administered through the tax system is by skipping the country."



Rodney Gitzel

School looks better through the bottom of a glass. A student enjoys the RATT view.

## Students rally against Campus Rec cuts

### Referendum, fee increase debated to save popular Recreation programmes

by Juliet Williams

Would students be willing to have another \$10 tacked onto their already mounting University costs?

This was one question asked at a rally for recreation held Wednesday in the main gym.

About 200 showed up to voice their support for Campus Recreation programmes and to inquire about budget cuts. Campus Recreation runs intramural programmes and Campus Fitness Lifestyle Promotion, which incorporates weight training, aerobics and other non-credit classes.

"Our income has been stable, while the costs for running the programmes have gone up. We simply can't maintain these services," said Art Quinney, dean of Physical Education and Recreation. "You're getting very good value for your dollar. But the resources and the expectations simply can't meet."

Students at the forum were given three options for saving services.

Dave Munro, the meeting's chairperson, said the department could cut back on programmes, increase the over-the-counter fees for classes, or hold a campus-wide referendum asking students to pay additional money for the programmes. Most of the students wanted to ensure that if another fee was added, it would be directed only to Campus Rec, and not to the whole Athletics department.

Support was strong for the referendum option, but Terence Filewych, SU president-elect, said a referendum was out of the question until next year.

"A referendum can only be held in conjunction with SU elections," said Filewych. However, he later said that after reading the by-laws, he realised he was incorrect, and a referendum could be held at any

**"Does the average student know we pay \$1.8 million for inter-Varsity sports?"**

Veronica Reynolds, a concerned student at Wednesday's Rally for Recreation

time, in consultation with the Students' Union.

Hoyles said in order to garner support for an additional fee, Campus Rec would "talk about wellness and physical and mental well-being. I think people will see the value of our programmes."

Of the \$31 students pay each term for Athletic services, a base budget is given to the Athletics department, and 25 per cent goes to Campus Rec, said Campus Rec director Hugh Hoyles.

"It's important to note, though,

we also raise another 25 per cent ourselves, through programme fees, etc.," said Hoyles. Hoyles said the other 25 per cent of the base budget is directed mainly toward Inter-University collegiate sports, namely U of A teams.

Hoyles said programmes that could be cut would be ones held off campus like golf and curling, because they cost more to run. He said the only way to maintain the quality of Campus Rec services is to cut back on some programmes.

Many students at the forum were

concerned too much money is going to support programmes which are only of use to a few students.

"I just don't think Campus Rec is getting its fair share of funds from our \$62," said John Charmbury, a third-year Phys. Ed. student who works for Campus Rec.

Quinney said the two programmes are mutually supportive. "Both go together. They offer opportunities for people to excel, as well as participate in a non-competitive way."

"Campus Rec seems to service a lot more students than inter-University athletics and teams," said one student, who received a loud round of applause.

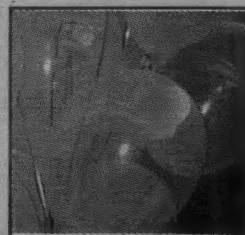
Veronica Reynolds, another student, echoed that concern.

"Does the average student know we pay \$1.8 million for inter-Varsity sports?"



**Bears look for repeat at Nationals.**  
See pages 12 and 13.

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# On Campus

## Blue jeans: today and everyday

by Richard Mapa

"What I don't like about the way  
'Blue Jean Day' is set up in that you  
have to make a negative statement  
in order to make any kind of political  
statement at all."

That was fourth-year Education  
student Peter Mackenzie's re-  
sponse to the four year old tradi-  
tion of Blue Jean Day. Thursday,  
March 18 is "Blue Jean Day" - the  
day when students and faculty of  
the University of Alberta show their  
support for gay and lesbian rights  
by wearing blue jeans.

Despite its popularity at other  
Canadian universities, and the fact  
that this is the fourth consecutive  
year Gays and Lesbians on Cam-  
pus (GALOC) has officially held  
the event, there still seems to be  
some argument between hetero  
and homosexuals about what the  
day itself stands for.

Brett Manz, co-chairperson of  
GALOC, says Blue Jean Day actu-  
ally exists to point out all the nega-  
tive types of attitudes which ho-  
mosexual men and women have to  
fight and deal with on a daily basis.

"If a student gets a hard time  
from others she/he encounters just  
for the mere fact that they're wear-



Martin Tucker

**Jeans not only look and feel great but if you're wearing  
them today it proves you're not silly.**

ing blue jeans, and gets called a fag,  
or dyke, then they are getting a  
small taste of the kind of the  
prejudice gays and lesbians en-  
counter. It (the day) exists to raise  
consciousness of anti-gay senti-  
ments," said Manz.

Several staff and students inter-  
viewed said since they wear blue  
jeans all the time already, it should  
not be taken by others as support  
or lack thereof of gay/lesbian/bi-  
sexual rights.

"Actually, I didn't even know it  
was Blue Jean day on Thursday. I  
wish it was better advertised, and  
I'd still wear jeans, though it  
shouldn't be taken as my political  
stance," said first-year Business

student Jennifer Connauton.

Education Foundations profes-  
sor David Wangler said many stu-  
dents will wear blue jeans without  
intending to show support for gay  
rights.

"I think that to some extent,  
GALOC has purposely chosen blue  
jeans for their cause for that day for  
the inherent duplicity; they must  
have realized that there are going  
to be some people on campus who  
are ignorant of Blue Jean Day, will  
show up on Thursday in jeans and  
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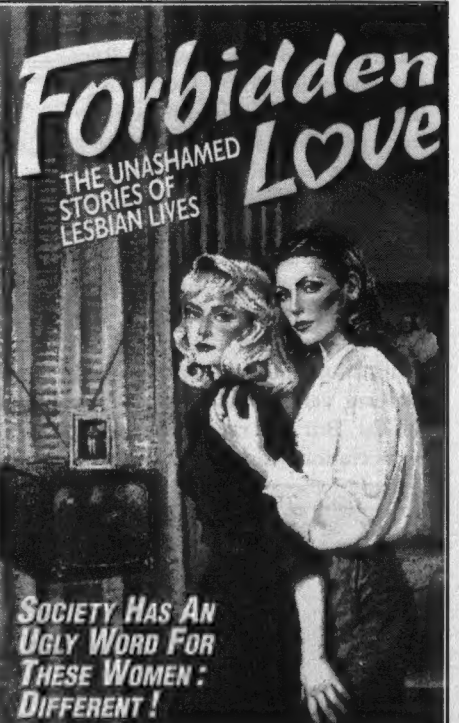
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## Digestion

### Laissez faire for Cartoon

Well now it's official. Students' Council decided Tuesday night not to try to reach a decision on the *Gateway* cartoon controversy. Council passed a motion postponing any action until after the Human Rights Commission rules on the issue.

"It was felt by councillors that the Human Rights Commission is ultimately equipped with the training and experience to deal with this issue... And we shouldn't be co-opting this process by our meeting," said SU president Randy Boissonnault.

The *Gateway*, the Arab Students' Association and the Hillel Jewish Students' Association all spoke at Council in favour of letting the issue be handled by the Human Rights Commission.

### New SUB gets final go ahead. Bring it on!

Council approval for the \$2.1 million renovations to the SUB Tuesday night. Construction (or reconstruction) is scheduled to begin April 1.

SU president Randy Boissonnault is looking forward to seeing the creation of the "new living room" of students.

"This is going to be a messy disruptive, but ultimately positive experience for students. At the end of it everyone on campus will see that we made the right decision."

Boissonnault said fundraising for the new SUB will now be kicking into high gear.

### New HUB exec to come March 30

A complaint from a HUB resident on election day forced the HUB Community Association to postpone its executive elections until March 30.

The complaint was made around 9am Monday morning by HUB resident Eric Letts because there was no all-candidate forum before the original Monday election date.

"I was just following last year's tradition where we didn't have a candidates forum," said HCA president Joy Vimalarajah.

He said the other reason the candidates forum was not held was because only two of the six positions, vp Volunteers and vp Programming, were being contested. The other four uncontested positions would have been acclaimed.

"If the position is uncontested, the CRO [Tiffany Tsang] gives the position to the candidate. Generally the HUB Students' Association gets a pretty cool response so it's nothing unusual," said Vimalarajah.

Vimalarajah is seeking re-election as president, as are executive members Shirene Saunby and Morin Yahya.

Nominations for candidates seeking to represent approximately 850 HUB residents opened Tuesday and will close Monday. The candidates forum will be held on March 24.

# Res students protest personnel cut back

by Peter S. Moore

A recommendation to eliminate the position of manager of Housing and Residence Life position has raised a protest from resident students.

"We see this action going directly against the priority that the students and the Board of Governors feel it to be," said Dana Dueck, a member of the Housing and Food Services Advisory Committee. She said residence representatives voiced their concerns to the vice-president of student and academic services Lois Stanford and director of Housing and Food Services David Bruch March 5.

Removing the position would put more pressure on the residence life coordinators and reduce the time they have to deal with student concerns, said Dueck.

"They're basically cutting back on student service."

Wyn Gittins, the current manager of Housing and Residence Life, said the director told him March 1 his position was being declared "redundant" and recommended for elimination as part of a restructuring plan and not for fiscal or performance reasons.

"I am surprised this decision was made without any consultation of the students we're here to serve,"

said Gittins.

Residence Life Programming director Michelle Ouellet, said it was important to realise the recommendation is not official until vp Finance and Administration Glenn Harris decides to accept or reject it. The manager of Housing and Residence Life is an important position Wyn Gittins was very effective at, said Ouellet, and students are alarmed because they might lose the services he helped to create.

"They are concerned about the future of residence life. Dr. Gittins is the architect of residence life. We did not have residence life before he came on board."

Mackenzie resident Analea, who did not want her last name used, said as soon as she understood what the recommendation meant she was concerned.

"I am really worried that we're going to lose a lot of the services that we are getting and services that we should get. I hope that students' concern will have an impact on keeping the position."

Another Lister resident said many students are ignorant of the manager of Residence Life function.

"Nobody knows much about what the guy does so that's part of

the problem," said Jim.

Dueck said the main responsibility of the manager is to be an advocate for students and support student residence programmes like the stress seminars, study skills management and peer tutoring programmes.

"You need to have the administrative support at the top for the people to function in the field. Without his help in the initial stages we wouldn't have these services."

Joe, a Kelsey resident, said he did not want to see any more layoffs because that would lower the services attracting him to Lister.

"From what I see, it's pretty bare-bone as it is... Lister Hall isn't just an apartment building, it's a way of life."

Another Kelsey resident said she wanted to know where the money was going if the manager position was eliminated.

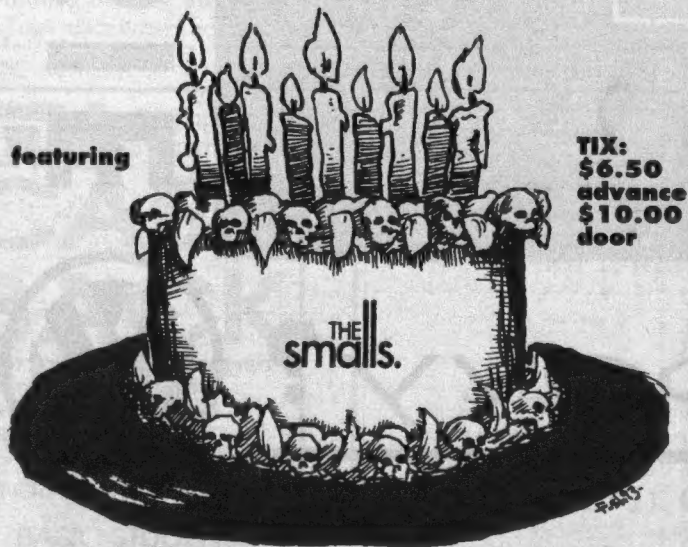
"It's a whole community and we pay for the services provided. Where is all the money going if they cut the service down?"

Both Stanford and Harris said they were unable to comment under the APO employment agreement. David Bruch said it was not appropriate he comment on such a sensitive employment issue.

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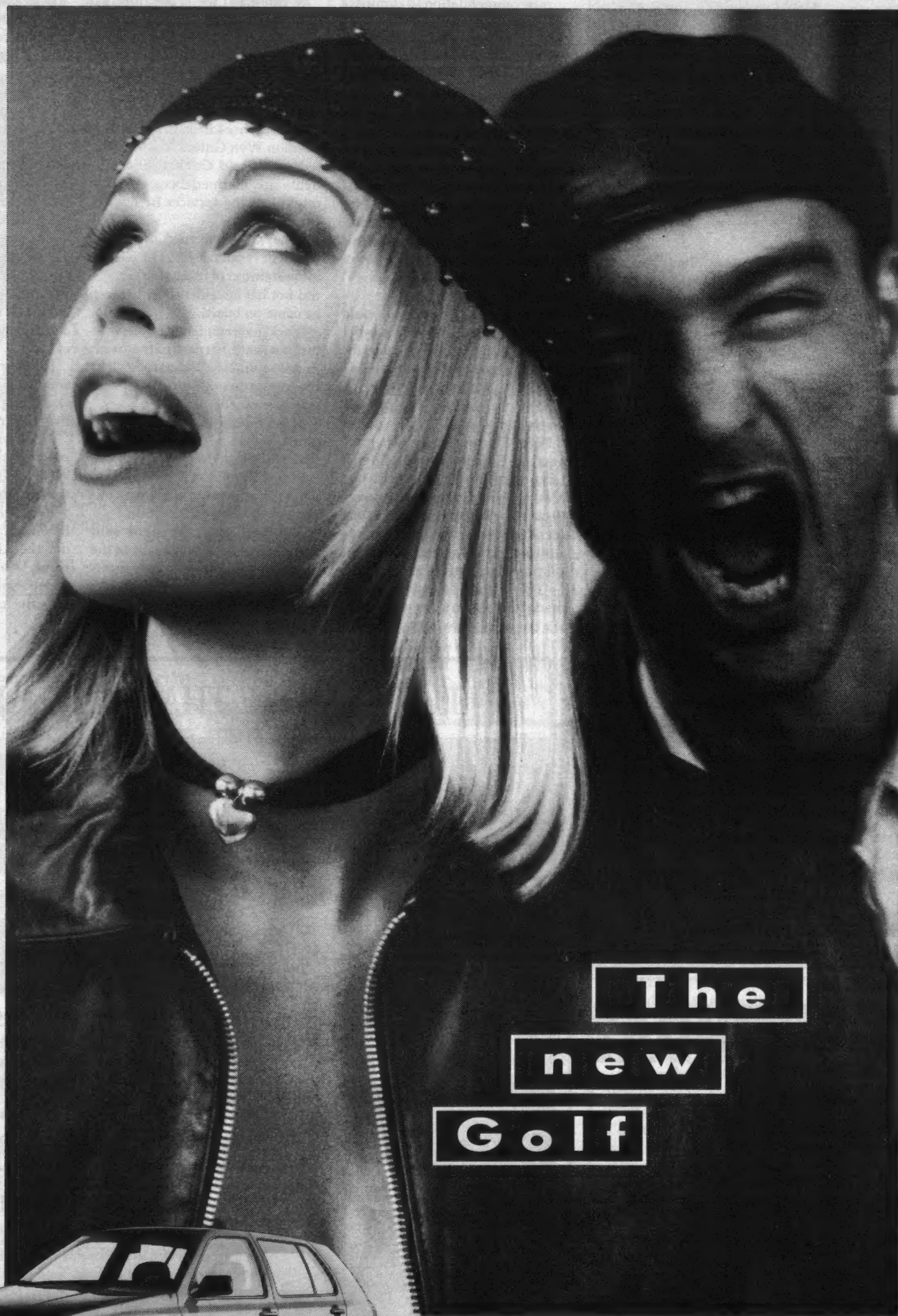


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# Pres Paul's presence

## Davenport visits U of A Students' Council

by Jeff Aplin

Change will be the key to ensuring the success of the post-secondary education system in Alberta, according to University of Alberta president Paul Davenport.

Davenport made his annual appearance at the Students' Council meeting Tuesday night to hear concerns and questions from students.

"We're on the edge of a real change in how programmes are delivered," said Davenport. He referred to the educational possibilities offered by new technologies such as two-way TV screens.

Davenport said closer cooperation with sister universities in the province will be one trend that will improve the cost effectiveness of the provincial post-secondary education system.

Another priority will be the recruitment of new professors as demographics change and a large proportion of professors retire.

"We believe we cannot continue doing the things we do presently and keep them excellent. We'll have to make tough choices."

Davenport fielded questions from students on issues ranging from the Gateway cartoon controversy to student loans and unemployment among U of A graduates.



Rodney Gitzel

**President Davenport talks to Students' Council Tuesday night. Post-secondary education will need to undergo some change to be successful in the future, he said.**

When asked about the high rate of unemployment among graduates, Davenport said the rewards of a university education aren't always reaped immediately after graduation.

"Undergraduate education is an investment that will last a lifetime. However the opportunities may not be there right away in the first few years."

## U of A novelist hits #4

by Tania Brewster

Trevor Ferguson, this year's University of Alberta writer in residence, has just published his fourth novel.

Ferguson has been writing for almost thirty years and his latest novel is called *A True Life Adventure of Sparrow Drinkwater*. It is about "a man who's a friend of mine who became one of the great swindlers in history. It's about money and looks at the tragedy of mental dislocation."

The writer in residence programme, which changes novelists every year, allows Ferguson to write novels while at the same time meeting with other hopeful writers, looking over their manuscripts and editing.

Ferguson says the programme is a good thing because the University is "one place where writers can

get professional advice and editing," without having to go straight to the publishers. He adds he has had about eighty people from all over Alberta come to see him and one couple will become published writers.

Ferguson believes this programme is worthwhile but says it is virtually non-existent elsewhere in Canada, because of cut-backs universities have been experiencing.

"They've been forced to cut back by the government...it's too bad, it's a great programme."

The U of A is the longest standing (programme) and probably the

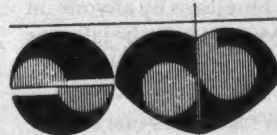
best one," says Ferguson. The U of A has already invited Don McKay, a poet, to join campus next year and Ferguson is sure the University will honour that. As for the years ahead he's not sure.

"In a lot of universities there's no will but it's sad because it's nice to have some creative aspects to campus."

Next year Ferguson will return to Montreal, where he lives, and finish a novel he's been writing.

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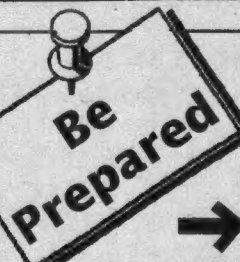
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How typically Canadian (see generic and boring) that we have a race that involves selecting from four white guys. That's right, four white guys. Like the Beatles singing "Love Me Do." Like if the Four Tops had no soul and were all born white. Or like the title of that basketball movie starring Woody Harrelson and Wesley Snipes only quadrupled. This is a choice? Apparently it is.

About the only interesting and distinguishable thing about the collective lot of them was a Steven Seagal-esque ponytail, a Euro/Teutonic-accent, a pencil neck, and zzzzzzzzz.... Hello? Vote real? *Get* real. At the very least, they could, well, I don't know what they could do.

And, if you really think about it, who would want to vote for anyone who thinks so much of himself that he feels he's good enough to be the leader of 30 000 young minds in the first place? Well, around 6000 people did. Who woulda figured?

So now we have Terence Filewych. Hello, Mr. President. How are you doing, Mr. President? Going to spend a couple million on "renovations," Mr. President? Ready to cave-in to special interest groups, Mr. President? That will be all, Mr. President.

In many ways, it's my fault. I should have run in the SU elections, but I didn't. I should have campaigned for a candidate that I liked and believed in, but I didn't. Hell, I should sail to Tahiti, like Gauguin, and start painting, but I won't. Such is life.

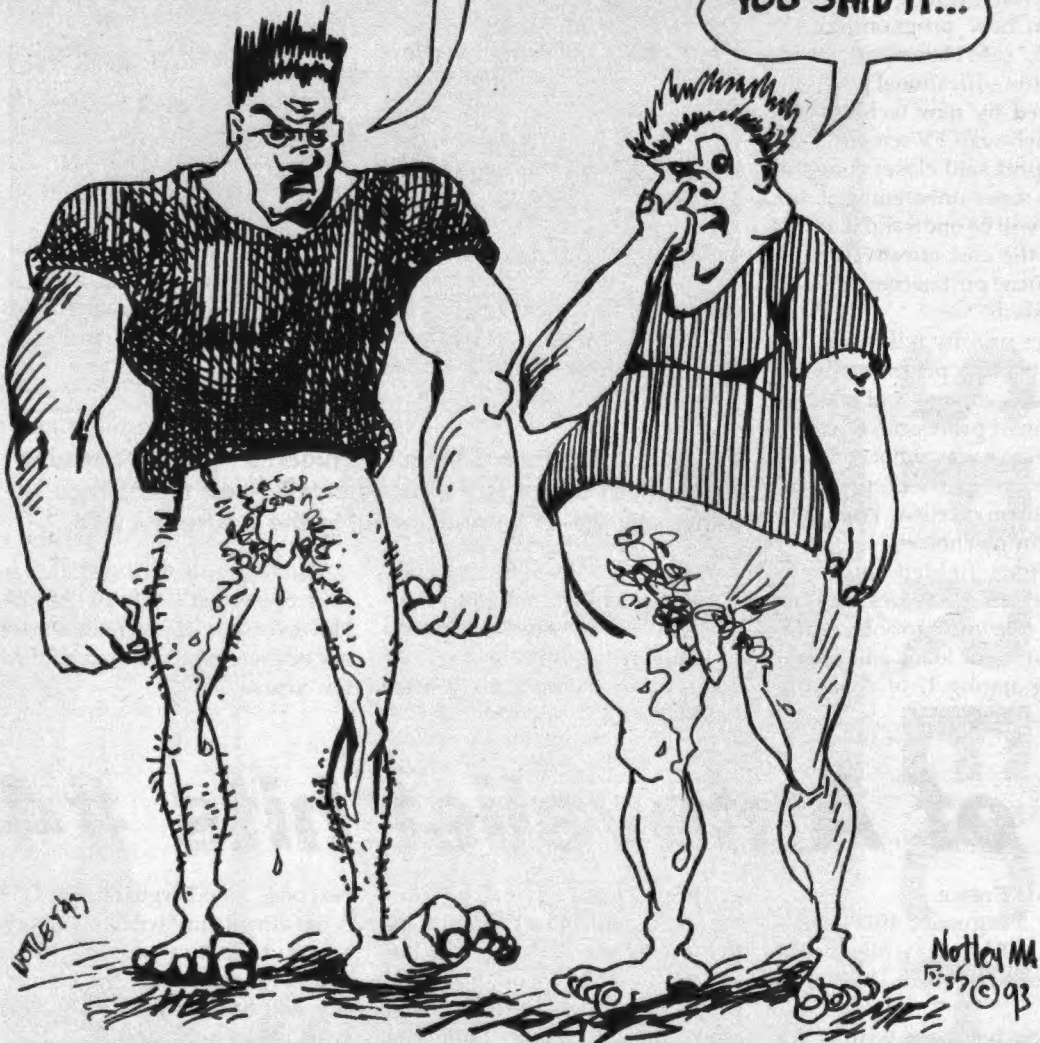
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## LETTERS

## ***Blue Jeans Day misleading, public disservice***

It had to be a joke, right? I mean the public notice in your Pink Triangle supplement stating that the wearing of blue jeans by anyone on Thursday March 18 is to be taken as a gesture supporting expanded gay rights.

If it wasn't meant as one I really have to question the tactics of the group sponsoring that announcement. Are they going to use the certain fact that a large proportion of the campus population (or world population for that matter), wore blue jeans on that day whether or not they even read the announcement as a public cry for more gay rights? If they do that they will be doing a disservice not only to their cause but to the cause of all advocacy groups that use statistics to back their arguments. I can see the press release now: "Since 70% of Albertans bravely wore blue jeans for us on March 18, and obviously support gay rights wholeheartedly we demand the complete fulfillment of our agenda—now." This kind of slippery logic would really make me question how all those statistics we are bombarded with by pressure groups are generated.

If their announcement was meant as a joke I've got to admire their mischievous sense of humour, but

if I ever see any reference to this in public discussions on this issue I'll know just how much integrity these folks have.

Ken Yackimec

**"Reader"  
agree's with  
ARTICLE**

To the "Editor",  
I read with great "interest" and amusement your editorial in Thursdays "Gateway". Many time's I have been "really" appalled at peoples misuse of quotation mark's as well. I see it on sign's at my "bank", in post office's, "EVERYWHERE" !It's really annoying. Why "don't" these freaking asshole's learn their "punctuation"?! I pity the Western "World" in ten year's: a mess of "misplaced" quotation mark's, underlined word's and italics's in the "WRONG" place's !!

"Sincerely" your's,  
Ken frankenstein

## Babylon 5 bites, say Mac inquisitors

We suspect the title of Mr. Notley's article "*Babylon 5 Kicks Ass*" was most likely a typo. It un-

doubtedly was meant to have read "Babylon 5 Licks Ass." Please assure us the original copy was altered during printing.

The writing was not "crisp," but was, in fact, brown and runny. Furthermore some of the scenes certainly did "bite."

Granted the computer effects were splendid and most impressive, rivalling even the work of Lucasfilm's Industrial Light and Magic. But PC's? Get real. In a trailer run during the last *Star Trek* convention, the producer of *Babylon 5* stated that the present computer technology had to be upgraded for the sole purpose of creating the image of the ominous Babylon space station.

With regard to the storyline, "it is illogical" (dub Spock's voice here) to have constructed a fifth station after the first four did not work. What, were there design flaws and they built another station anyway? Good science fiction works because it appeals to the imagination while being tempered with a semblance of believability.

As for the scripting of *Babylon 5*, more creative dialogue could have come out of a convention of soap-opera writers. The trite and clichéd dialogue was so painful that Gene Roddenberry (may the Force be with him) surely "turned in his grave."

The reason for the *Star Trek* genre's phenomenal success has

**For more Trek-froth, look over.**



## SHOOTIN THA BREEZE



Malcolm Azania

## Eating eyes

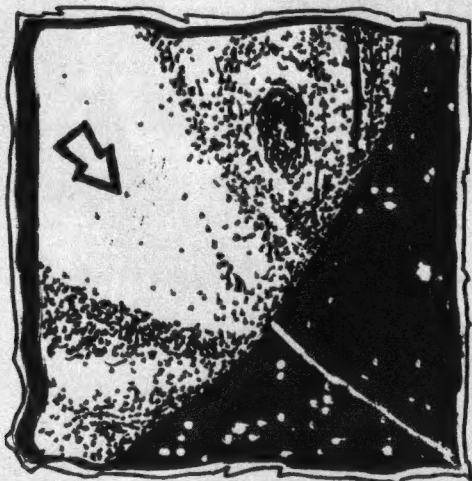
Ah, yes, the old feelings running up and down the spine, churning in the old gut—what's that again? Oh, right.

Bile.

Yes, loads of bile, and why not? Why not have bile over things? So, here are a few disjointed thoughts:

## BLUE JEANS DAY

Wow. This is the fourth Blue Jeans Day I've seen, and this is the fourth time I've seen a bunch of



goofs get angry over how they've been "manipulated." Look, I hate to tell you this, but you've only been manipulated by Blue Jeans Day if you start griping about how you've been manipulated by Blue Jeans Day.

## LETTERS continued

little to do with the gadgetry and blinking lights. It comes from quality acting, intelligent writing and stories that address relevant issues. All this, and it's entertaining. *Babylon 5* may have been charismatic in the Ridley Scott sense, but turn the volume back on and "B5 Licks Ass."

Capt. Chris Reidmuller  
Cmdr. Brad Cromwell  
Lt. Wayne Messner  
10th Mac Science Fiction  
Inquisition

Yep, that's right, it's all a big, clever, hilariously ingenious scam. See, whoever put the damn thing together started with the idea that education is one of the keys to overcoming bigotry and discrimination. Since it's highly unlikely that you could ever get everyone to enroll in some sort of anti-homophobia class, you're left with indirect education: people *talking* about hatred and mistreatment of homosexuals. Once the issue enters the public sphere of discussion, it's taken the first step to being resolved.

Obviously, one of the most important steps in breaking down bigotry is smoking out the bigots. It was only a few years ago when a couple of *really sweet* guys actually turned out some shirts with two stickmen holding hands inside of one of those cross-out circles found in no-smoking and Ghostbusters symbols. Getting those kinds of Reich attitudes out of the closet is the only way for us as a society to confront those attitudes. You see, Blue Jeans Day was never intended to work on the basis of people expressing their support for equal legal

protection of the human rights of homosexuals through the act of wearing blue jeans. That would be absurd, since obviously most people wearing jeans would be unaware of the day, and therefore their accidental "support" could easily be dismissed by any nay-sayer. No—the whole idea of Blue Jeans Day is not to garner support, but to highlight homophobia.

So you see, the reason the day is such a brilliant P.R. move is that the energy to make the day work is supplied by the exact people who complain about it! The irony! That's just classic. I think I shall laugh (har har). Well, that's about it (oh).

## THE "RAP RAMPAGE"

I was jawin with my good friend, next year's Editor-in-Chief, Stephen Notley, when he come down to th'fishin hole this morning, as we

were trying t'catch us up a mess o cat-fish. Well sir, we got t'talkin bout this hyar "rap rampage" at this new movie-show, CB4.

Seems a coupla Black kids wuz fightin in th' golf course or somethin at Eaton's Centre, an when the cops came, a buncha kids refused ta leave, an then someone took a coupla swings at a rent-a-cop an a real one, too.

"So anyway, some local media-types've made this thing out t'be some sorta micro-Los Angeles uprisin," says Steve as he pulls out a cat-fish.

"Zat so?" says myself, pullin out an old shoe.

"Yep," he says, gnawing on its head. "Seems they're sayin that the movie caused a fight. Jess like last year with *New Jack City*."

"Zat so?" says me. "Now, how can a movie cause a fight?"

"Don't rightly know," says he, spittin out its eyes. "I wonder if anyone ever bothered to ask these guys *why* they were fightin?"

"Y'know, I don't think I've ever heard an answer to that question in one of these here articles. Come to think of it," I snorts to myself, "I don't think I've ever even seen th'question posed."

"An another thing," says he, "seems ta me that if the kinda kids who'd be pickin fights in public in the first place were to meet each other *anywhere*, they'd be fightin, y'know?"

"Y'means, even at Cinderella?" says me.

"Yep," says he. "If'n they wuz disposed t'go to such a movie, I do suppose they would."

I throws some batteries in the water. "But tweren't the movie as such, then."

"Nope," says he with a scaly belch.

I grabs up the electrocuted fish and he eats em.

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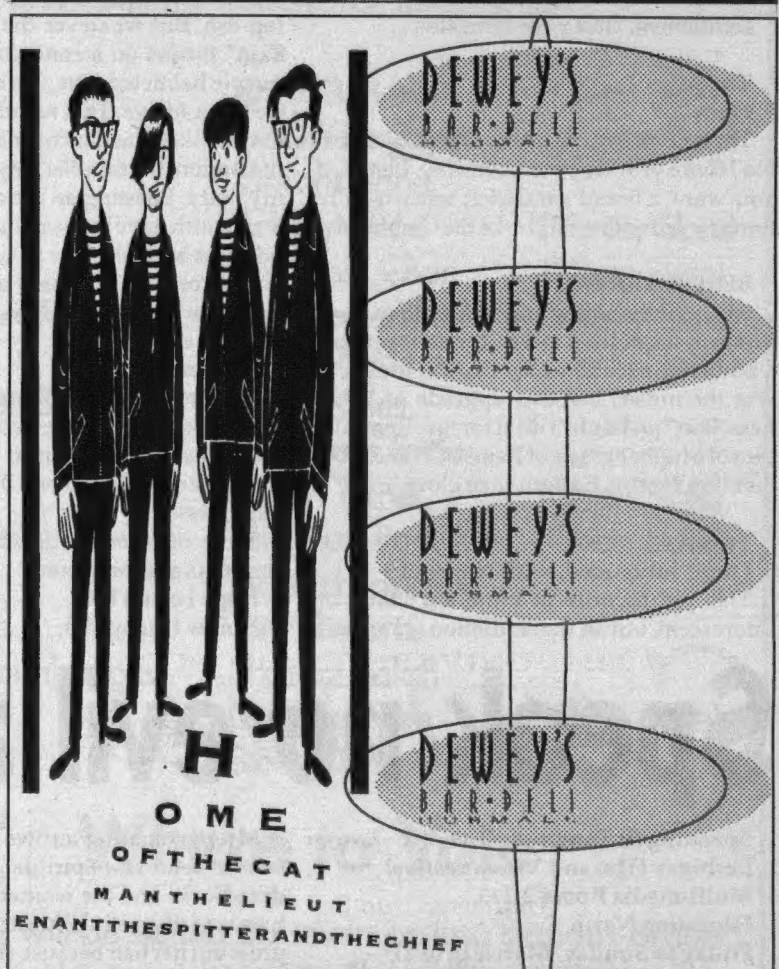
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## Rubber me the right way

Condoms (various)  
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review by Chris Osteichthyes

I'm not a big condom fan. They constrain me the same way a rubber glove over my face does, plus I'm still part of that old guard who feels that if you're doing something, do it *au naturel*.

Nonetheless, these are no longer the Seventies. Not only do we have the ever-present danger of insemination, but Old Man AIDS is just *dying* to get a crack at us.

Well, we received a few male contraceptives from the Okamoto company of Japan, so the powers that be elected a guinea pig, me, to test these babies.

Gentlemen, start your foreskins...

Trojan  
Plain

These suck, on a figurative level. No lube. No Nonoxyl 9. No room. No way. Listen, if you want a bread sandwich when you're hungry, go for these. I'll take the Clubhouse.

BEYOND SEVEN

Supposedly softer and silkier than anything on the market today, this fellow takes a bouncing second to the Crown. Maybe it was the music, but this upgrade of "Skin Less Skin" just didn't do it for me. Reminiscent of a higher grade of Ramses. Honorable mention for this Eastern love glove.

Trojan

Large, lubricated, with Nonoxyl 9

This old favorite of mine ain't blue or fluorescent, but all that radiation scares me.

This prophylactic can best be described as the six-man tent of condoms. There's plenty room for any surprise, and the milky-white exterior looks great in the ultra-violet. It's fully loaded for the fully loaded. Yeah!

Can condoms

You're hosed out of your gourd and you don't remember what nightclub you're in. It's time for can condoms! At only a loonie, it's hard not to be tempted, but what was her name again? Be warned: you get what you pay for. Best go for the Plenty-O-Porn and wait until morning's sobriety.

Crown

Skin Less Skin

Another example of that odd language, Jap-lish. But whatever the hell "Skin Less Skin" means on a contextual level, to my purple helmeted love warrior it means the freedom to live. This wonder rubber made me feel like I was dancing naked on a tin roof in London, the rain electrifying every cell of my body. Boasting an ultra-thin .0050 mm wall width (love that scientific notation), it's odorless and tasteless as well, which I can vouch for! I never knew a raincoat could make me giggle. Count me converted.

Nothing

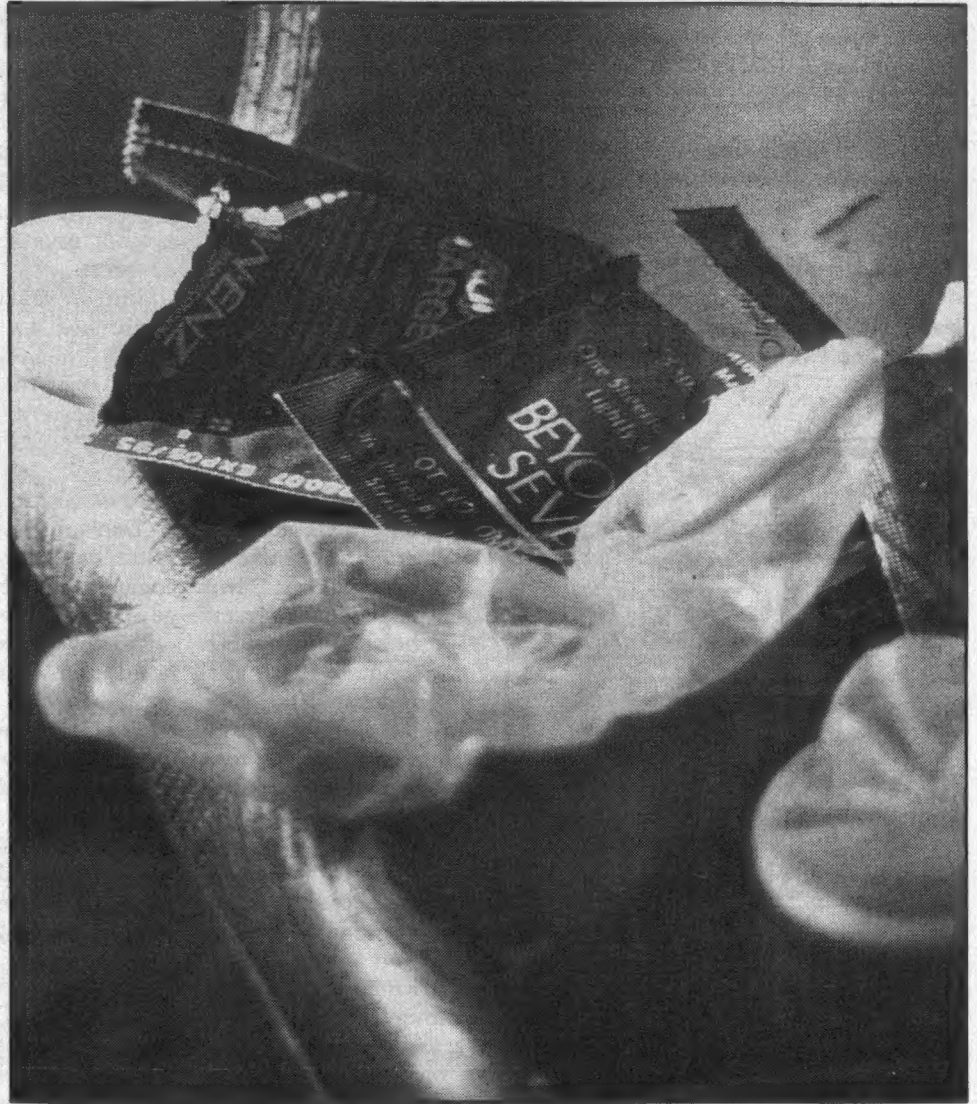
Nothing does everything like *nothing*.

I think a vasectomy is in order here. I guess the biggest point to keep in mind is that experimentation will bring you to your happiness.

Some of these products made me give condoms a second look.

Hope I could help.

I know I enjoyed it.



Some of the delightful products in question.

Fish Griwkowsky

## Speak no evil at Lesbigay Film Fest

Speaking In Tongues  
Lesbigay Film and Video Festival  
Multi-media Room 2-115,  
Education North  
Friday to Sunday, March 19 to 21

previews by Peter S. Moore

Being heterosexual is a lousy reason not to absorb the Lesbigay Film and Video Festival *Speaking in Tongues*.

The festival presents a film lineup that is fantastic and varied. Many are short films and documentaries not lasting more than 25 minutes so the festival will really be a panorama of information on gay and lesbian issues. Just looking at the list you know there will be a good mix of humour and serious film.

I managed to preview four. Enjoy.

By the way, tix are available Boystown, Latitude 53, and the GALOC Office.

### Talking Hairs

directed by Susan Ardill

The *Talking Hairs* is a freaking fine 10 minute film all about hair: cut it, slick it or shave it wherever it grows and whether you have it or not. The film combs quickly through the issues of health, style and statement from pubic to head hair.

Director Susan Ardill doesn't bother trying to prove anything or make a statement. She simply shows us there are a lot of hair habits we may not always know about.

My personal favourites were the black lesbian who saw spiritual qualities in her dreadlocks and the woman who felt pubic hair was disgusting. Another woman even grew out her hair because she saw too many heterosexual women cutting theirs.

Many of the cuts are hilarious, the bright colours kept the action from slowing and Julian Wastall's music arrangements was equally cheerful. Hair knows no conformity and that means anything and everything will be refreshing.

A light look at a personal subject with marvellous music; this movie was my humour favourite.

### Khush

directed by Pratibha Parmer

Khush is Urdu for "pleasure." *Khush* is also an enlightening 24 minute pleasure of a documentary dealing with the unknown, or often denied dilemma of Asian gays and lesbians.

The Asians who are interviewed take us into a world where homosexuals "of colour"—as so many described themselves—face a different reality than white homosexuals. The dialogue of Asians from the United Kingdom, India, the United States and Canada and speak volumes. However, most seem to say that discrimination and racism have driven them together to realise they are *not alone*.

The film reveals that racism and homophobia is not always confined to racist,

homophobic heterosexuals but also white homosexuals who refuse to acknowledge the possibility of coloured gays. The film also touches on a cultural heritage of homosexuality in Asian countries suppressed by the morality of European colonialists.

This enlightening film plays Sunday, March 21 at 1pm.

### Caught Looking

directed by  
Constantine Gianarriss

*Caught Looking* is the perfect film for wash-room, smoke, or fresh air breaks. Of the four films I previewed this was the worst. It also happened to be the only one with a "Restricted" rating. The nudity was really quite conservative.

The film is set up like a video game where the player/voyeur examines four scenarios from which he can choose his "perfect man." The scenarios are potentially funny. They range from sailors on shore leave and checking out the "goods" at the urinals to muscle men photography in the 50s and a Chanizen man. There seemed to be a lot of sexual objectification of African men in particular in this film.

Writer Paull Harrel fails to bring out the humour in the scenarios and focuses too much on the melancholy of looking for a lover in the streets of anonymity. Perhaps this just reflects the eternal frustration of the homosexual *voyeur*.

Like a video game, the film imposes boring limitations on itself complemented by

boring narration and frankly lousy dialogue.

It runs Saturday, March 20 and if you miss it, you haven't missed much. So save yourself a few dollars and watch cartoons instead.

### Stand On Your Man

directed by Susan Ardill

Country music is definitely not the last refuge of redneck heterosexuality, according to *Stand On Your Man*. In fact, you just might be square dancing with a lesbian or gay the next barn dance you go to.

The big hero of the film is k.d. lang and we get to see a little drooling from her lesbian fans. No less important are the other lesbian country artists interviewed like Mel Byrne and the Well-Oiled Sisters. This last country band started out busking but their popularity has risen considerably since then. The film even takes a shot at outing a major country western star.

Of course, Patsy Kline, a major fighter for female country singer rights, was also spotlighted in the film.

Country is multi-faceted and every other lesbian in the film seems to like it for another reason. Sentimentalism or rhythm or romanticism, even the sexual content attracts lesbian listeners.

It's a mystery to me but more and more lesbians love country so check this 20 minute film out around 8pm Saturday.

Yee-haa!



# Way too deep



Major Kira Nerys. Actually, it's only an actor.

Deep Space Nine Convention  
Coast Terrace Inn  
Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21  
Creation Con Productions

preview by Stephen Notley

**T**he lady with the weird nose will be making a first-time-ever appearance in Edmonton this weekend at the Coast Terrace Inn. Nana Visitor, who plays Major Kira Nerys, the Bajoran second-in-command on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, will be on hand to talk about nasal deformity and other *Star Trek* curiosities.

Visitor will be signing autographs and answering questions from the crowd. Even though *DS9*'s only been on for a few weeks, there's probably already a host of strange insider stories straining to get out. She's a newcomer to the *Star Trek* convention circuit, so this will be a fan's best chance ever to get the fresh straight goods on the goings-on at the show.

Creation will be bringing back their *Star Trek* music videos, in which clips from the various shows are connected thematically

over a song. New videos will feature tributes to Gene Roddenberry, Captain Picard and Whoopi Goldberg.

Of the non-*Star Trek* attractions, the clips from Steven Spielberg's upcoming summer movie *Jurassic Park* are sure to be a big hit. Readers of Michael Crichton's book of the same name will be curious to discover if the many dinosaur-inflicted guttings and various gaping abdominal wounds make it to the big screen.

As well, there will be other sf genre attractions for those unimpressed by personal appearances by big stars or state of the art dinosaur special effects. Fans get first crack at clips for other summer movies such as *The Last Action Hero* and *Dennis the Menace*. The dealer tables will be open, with a wide selection of merchandise, including some *Deep Space Nine* material previously unavailable in Edmonton. There will be discussions of some of the new television sf such as *Time Trax* and *Babylon 5*.

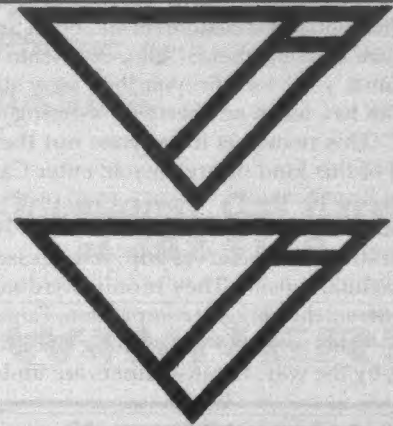
And there's lots of knick knacks to buy. Tickets are \$15 at Ticketmaster, \$18 at the door.

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## Richard Mapa's Haute Cuisine

Say the word "café" and what do you think of? In this town, that word is invariably defined as a dark room with Euro-trashy serveuses who feel that both their customers and Food Service are beneath them: "Ello, my nehm is Armand, your wettair, you look vary stupid, ah hev taken ze liberty of ordering for you." This review is for anyone out there tired of this kind of pretension: enter Café Ruby.

Found in the center of Chinatown's 97th street strip, Ruby's serves yup, you guessed it, Szechuan cuisine. They're only two doors down from their biggest competition, Taipan Café—who seems to be winning the little feud, by the way, because diners are under

the impression that since Taipan is bigger than Ruby, it must also be necessarily better. Let me tell you, It ain't so. My friends and I ordered: spring rolls, samosas, pork dumplings, Wor wonton and beef brisket with noodle soups, Thai fried rice, chicken and prawn chow mein, Szechuan beef, beef temptation, and lemongrass chicken. Not the most radically different Chinese meal you've ever eaten—you've had it all before, but the idea here was to get a taste of how Ruby cooked the more basic, or at least ubiquitous dishes. Not bad, not bad a'tall... and cheap, too (average entrée price, \$5).

Actually, out of all the dishes sampled, the only real standouts were the dumplings, the chow mein, the fried rice, the brisket & noodle soup and the beef temptation. 5 outta 10... see? Not bad. Just for sheer value, the dumplings get a mention, you get seven tasty pork morsels for \$3. The prawns in the chow mein were large and juicy, and the noodles remained crispy, though there was a bit too much celery in the dish for my tastes. The soup was steeped in the flavour of beef stock with fresh scallions and best of all, the rice noodles at the bottom of the bowl were bountiful. The b. temptation. was wonderful; paper thin slices of beef fried til crisp, with a flavor that was hot, sweet, spicy, and salty all at once!

The bottom line? For cheap Chinese eats which are great, not greasy, Ruby is a gem.

# Oh Hosanna

Hosanna  
Rice Theatre Stage  
The Citadel  
March 10 to 16

review by Alejandra Varela Romero

We all wear masks on occasion (pretend to be that which we are not and deny what we are) because of our fear of vulnerability and our need to feel accepted by others. Michel Tremblay's play *Hosanna* explores this theme through the character of Claude Lemieux (Glen Gaston), former turned drag queen extraordinaire. In Montreal's queer (sub) culture, Hosanna (Claude's alter-ego) reigns supreme, or at least he thinks he does. Part Sandra Bernhard, part Liz Taylor as Cleopatra, Hosanna is not Ms./Mr. congeniality, but s/he does have a certain charm. After all, how could you not like someone who comes up with such gems as "Go jack off with a handful of thumb tacks!"? That is why one empathizes with Hosanna when s/he expresses the pain s/he felt when, at the Halloween party that should have marked her triumphant entry into Rome, s/he is instead ridiculed by her peers, including her lover, Cuirette (Timothy Sells).

However, Hosanna's humiliation sparks a much needed face off between the two lovers which ends in a touching reconciliation between Claude, the man and now whole human being, and a more understanding Cuirette, who drops the macho posturing and allows himself to express some emotion. Claude no longer needs Hosanna as a crutch, and Cuirette no longer wants anonymous sexual encounters in the darkness of the Parque Lafontaine and in public

toilets. But this is a play which ultimately transcends gender and sexual boundaries, and simply makes a statement about the importance of dropping our masks (or our pants, as does Claude in the final scene) and accepting ourselves for who we are.

Gaston's portrayal of Hosanna is totally convincing, a remarkable achievement considering he had only one week to rehearse. At times, he displayed a sensibility that was so feminine I forgot he was a man playing a woman.

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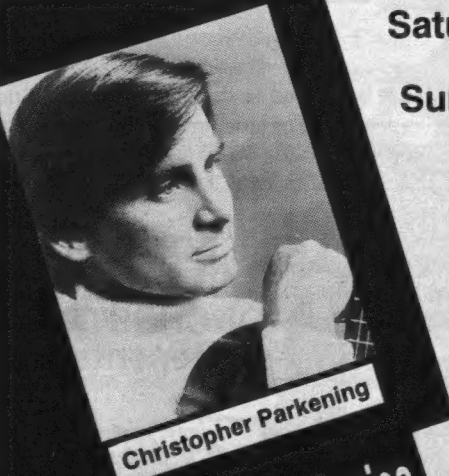
Sell also put in a strong performance as the biker Cuirette, although he could not fail to be overshadowed by Gaston's *tour de force*. But Gaston's success is only possible because Tremblay's character is so real. Surely one of the most consistent and provocative playwrights writing in Canada today, Tremblay is not afraid of stepping on a few toes, whether it be those of the Québécois elite, who object to his writing in joul (the Québécois dialect), or those of the more conservative elements of society, who dislike his frank treatment of topics such as homosexuality.

*Hosanna* is a remarkable work which has not lost its relevance despite having been written 20 years ago, and David Mann's staging at the Citadel did it justice.

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# LOVED

the loved one  
Unstrung  
Independent

Hot on the heels of the Smalls and Dead-beat Backbone, local actors-in-waiting for the next *Phantom of the Paradise* production, the loved one, have released a CD that is so marvelous, it must be eerie.

*Unstrung* is a 13 track slab of plastic that commands the attention of we, the living. It features seven new songs, fresh mixes of five favourites from the old cassette, *Tutti*, and a trademark cover tune.

Never has Winslow "Tim" Leach wrought his cello bow so much to the band's advantage, proving that he is indispensable. Never has big Chris Boddy sounded so small and unhappy. Never has frontman Kelly Simpson asserted himself so, vocally. The music is as catchy as ever, to the point where you can't stop mumbling the lyrics rather than enjoying free thought. The excessive repetition of the choruses might wear the songs out prematurely, though. Oh, and did I mention that the production of *Unstrung* is so good that we can no longer doubt this band, nor the fact that the Hand of Chaos is interfering with the very laws of nature? It's true, this sounds like a hugely financed, major label psycho-pop release, which means that the band deserves to be a hugely financed, major label show. Even if you thought you'd rather watch *Dawn of the Dead* by yourself, even if you think going to Barry Cheese would be cool, this album should be your pastime, sparkly people. Bring on the big time for the loved one, and let's hope they'll resort to individual acts to save the community we love, they've done us proud so far.

Terry Williams

# BLACK

The Color Black  
Of Seas And Skies  
Independent

When this local band hits RATT March 20, there's one thing they may have difficulty doing—getting a beer, since they're still in their teens. You wouldn't know it from their first EP, though, which features glistening production from Barry Allen and musicianship which should put a lot of players twice their age to shame.

*Of Seas And Skies* contains five annoyingly catchy pop tunes, the highlights for me being the edgy guitar-driven "The Waking" and the moody instrumental "Factory." Lead vocalist Tim Cotton sure doesn't sound like a high school punk: his soulful voice reminded me of that kid, Andrew Strong, in *The Commitments*.

If the Color Black has a weak spot, it's probably their lyrics, which sound fine when they're being wailed, but on closer examination look a lot like, well, like the kind of lyrics I wrote for a heavy-metal buddy in high school: "The world's at war, her burning core, her wounds are sore, uneven score, and still there's more." Hey guys, ease up on the rhyme scheme.

But overall, this is a remarkable debut. If the Color Black improves with age, they've got a pretty good shot at blowing this 'burg for the big time.

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# SPORTS

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## BEARS HOPE TO REPEAT

by Dan Carle

One and two—the top and next-to-the-top. The game to decide who is on top of the tiny university hockey hill.

**BEARS**  
at  
**CIAU Nationals**  
**March 19-21**  
**Toronto**  
**BEARS vs. Acadia**  
**Friday 2pm**  
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Acadia versus the Golden Bears. The CIAU national hockey championships begin tomorrow at Varsity Arena in Toronto, and when the first puck drops in the first semi-final game the Golden Bears will be looking at the red, white and blue of the Axemen.

Acadia has been the top-ranked team in Canada all season while the Bears, after having been the third-ranked team for much of the season, improved to number two.

"They came at us strong last year," said Bears captain Serge Lajoie, who was a part of the Alberta team which defeated the Axemen 5-2 in the 1991-1992 national final to claim their eighth CIAU title. "We noticed they had forwards who like to carry the puck and offensive defencemen who like to support the play."

Acadia's well-balanced attacks have not changed in 1992-1993. Forward George Dupont leads the team



Rachel Sanders

**Sproxtion and the Axemen are looking to dethrone the defending champion Bears.**

in scoring this season with 57 points in 26 regular-season games and another 12 points in six play-off contests. Edmonton native Kevin Knopp is the Axemen's offensive defenceman after scoring 33 points in the regular season and chipping in five points in the post-season. And goaltender Dennis Sproxtion is the cream of the Maritimes after

posting a 2.62 goals-against average in the regular season and a staggering 1.73 GAA in the play-offs.

"Sproxtion has a name but a goalie can be great one game and poor the next," said Bears right-wing Dave Hingley, the fifth-year veteran who had one point in the Bears play-off victories over Saskatchewan and Regina. "Acadia has good talent

but they're nothing to be scared of."

On the other hand Acadia has to be concerned with the Golden Bears, a team which swept both play-offs series to advance out of the Canada West for the 38th time in the 57-year history of the CWUAA.

Led by left-wing Todd Goodwin and Lajoie, the Golden Bears were initially counted out to win the con-

ference. After losing three All-Canadians last season many thought the Golden Bears would take at least one season to re-load.

But the gun is loaded and aimed at Acadia.

"We know their strengths and we just have to focus on being prepared," said Lajoie. "The winning attitude always starts in preparation, which we've been working on for two weeks."

Friday's semi-final will be televised live on The Sports Network at 2pm in Edmonton with the national final being televised live March 21 at 1pm. CJSR FM-88 will also be carrying the games.

**The Fourth Period:**

Right wing Kent Dochuk will not play in the nationals tournament. Dochuk dislocated his knee-cap in January and returned in time to play against Regina in the CWUAA finals. However, doctors have suggested he stay off the leg to let it heal properly.

Goaltender Brian Harley will travel with the Bears and has taken regular practice after a plate was inserted in his broken leg at Christmas. Harley suffered the break when he crashed into the net on a freak play.

The All-Canadian dinner is tonight in Toronto. Lajoie is nominated for the Joseph Sullivan/CIAU MVP award.

The last repeat winners of the national championship were the York Yeomen in 1987-1988 and in 1988-1989.

## The Bears—Axe connection

by Dan Carle

The hockey world is sometimes the smallest of small places.

Take the Alberta-Acadia game for instance.

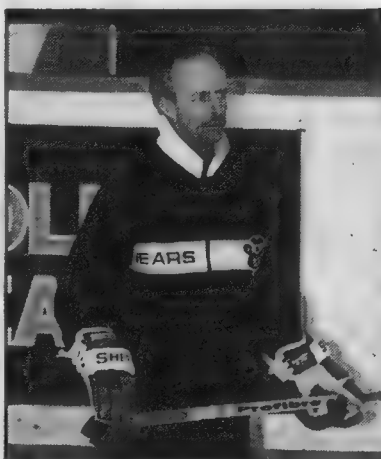
Nestled in the Axemen line-up are several players from the Western Hockey League. The former WHL players are pivotal for Acadia—players like goaltender Dennis Sproxtion from Red Deer and defenceman Kevin Knopp from Edmonton.

Just how did these western players end up in tiny Wolfville, Nova Scotia? The answer is no farther than Golden Bears assistant coach Peter Esdale.

Esdale was head coach with Dalhousie University in the mid-1980s when he took the head coaching job at Ferris State University in Michigan. Working in Graduate Studies at Dalhousie was an eager young pupil named Tom Coolen.

Read Tom Coolen, Acadia University Axemen coach 1992-1993.

"He (Coolen) decided to come



Rodney Gitzel

**Esdale: matching strategies with his former pupil.**

with me to Ferris State," said Esdale, an assistant with the Bears for the past eight years. "I then brought him out west and showed him the recruiting areas where I felt the top talent was, and he did a good job of recruiting for us."

Coolen has held the job at Acadia

for four seasons, and after guiding the team to a 22-2-2 regular-season record, the western recruiting he did has sure paid off.

After his year at Ferris State, Coolen applied for the head coaching job at Acadia, where the short list was down to two.

Then Peter Esdale's phone rang. "It was Don Wells (Acadia's Athletic Director), and he said 'I've got to decide now. I told him there was no question, but that Tom Coolen was your choice. He was good with people and a great recruiter so he got the job.'"

The story can then read: *Peter Esdale helps Acadia coach get job.*

Now Coolen's main focus is the Golden Bears, a team he met last season in the national final. Coolen has the same line-up as last year—a line-up thick with westerners who know how to play hockey rough but with touch around the net.

"Tom spent two summers with me, so a lot of same philosophies I had at Dalhousie are the same as

when I was with Alberta before I left for the Maritimes, and I'm sure they're the same today," Esdale said.

The nationals is down to the final four teams and it's fitting that when

Acadia and Alberta face off in the national semi-finals, the student Tom Coolen will also stand face-to-face with his old mentor Peter Esdale and compare notes one more time.

## Goodwin angered

by Dan Carle

Golden Bears hockey forward Todd Goodwin has some very explicit thoughts on the national semi-final game Friday afternoon between the number-one ranked Axemen and the number-two ranked Golden Bears.

"It's stupid," he said. "I mean, why have rankings if two meets one in the semi-finals and not the finals?"

The schedule for the nationals is set from year-to-year, and this year there is no way the top two ranked teams can play for the national championship.

This season Canada West meets the Atlantic in the semi-finals while in the other semi-final the two Ontario, east and west, conferences meet. The nationals final is set to go Sunday afternoon.



Maria Yakimovich

**Goodwin**

"It doesn't make sense to have one versus two in the semi-final, but for us to win we have to beat every team no matter when we play them," Goodwin said.

**More national hockey coverage. . . page 13**





Dan Carle

## On Sport

On the eve of the 1992-1993 CIAU hockey nationals, it is fitting to look at the tournament through the eyes and hearts of the first-year players. Players who had to deal with skeptical media at the beginning of the season: media who suggested the new recruits did not measure up to the talent which left the program in 1991-1992.

The Golden Bears were picked by some to finish as low as fourth in the Canada West this season.

One of the first-year players who deflected some of the uncertainty was centre Terry Degner. Now 21, the St. Albert native logged three years with Tri-City Americans of the Western Hockey League, a team that never made it past the first round in the play-offs.

"The experience is just such a team feeling," Degner says, comparing the Americans' dressing-room with the Golden Bears'. "In Toronto we'll have the guys to just go out and play hard with the confidence we know we have."

Degner scored 39 points in 30 games with the Bears this season. He dances with Todd Goodwin on a line which is the sports equivalent of Swan Lake, minus the elbows

and stick-chops.

Daryn Krywko is a first-year defenceman from Calgary who played with the Fort Saskatchewan Traders last season. A former player with the Air Canada Cup-winning AAA midget Calgary Buffalos, Krywko rocked Clare Drake Arena with three goals and two assists in the opening-round sweep of Saskatchewan in the CWUAA semi-finals.

"I really don't know what to expect," he says of Toronto. "We've got to really focus as a team and I just have to go in and play my game."

If Krywko's game is anything like his performance against Saskatchewan, the six-foot-three-inch 21-year-old could be the surprise of the tournament.

Another surprising player this season has been left-wing Derek Johnstone, who played for Red Deer College last season. Johnstone, 23, scored 25 points in the 25 regular season games and is noted as a worker who moonlights as an elbow-throwing, smooth-skating piece of work.

"There is a little bit of excitement being in my first time at nationals,"

# Green before gold

## Alberta's many rooks set to rock

Johnstone admits, "But the big games have always come easy for me."

Paul Strand and Krywko played for Fort Saskatchewan of the AJHL last season. Strand logged three-and-a-half years in The Fort after midget hockey in Fort McMurray.

In Strand the Bears have a charismatic leader of the future, whose play on the ice is bluer-than-blue collar. He hits like Steve Young, and also scores—his four goals in Alberta's 15-2 shellacking of Lethbridge attest to that.

"It was the greatest feeling after we won the Canada West's and I just hope that continues," Strand says.

Defenceman Mark Goodkey knows his role with the Golden Bears.

"I don't think there is any added pressure for me," says the 19-year-



Rodney Gitzel

**Fresh Bears faces at this years nationals include (clockwise from top left): Degner, Souch, Goodkey, Johnstone, Strand, and Ozobko.**

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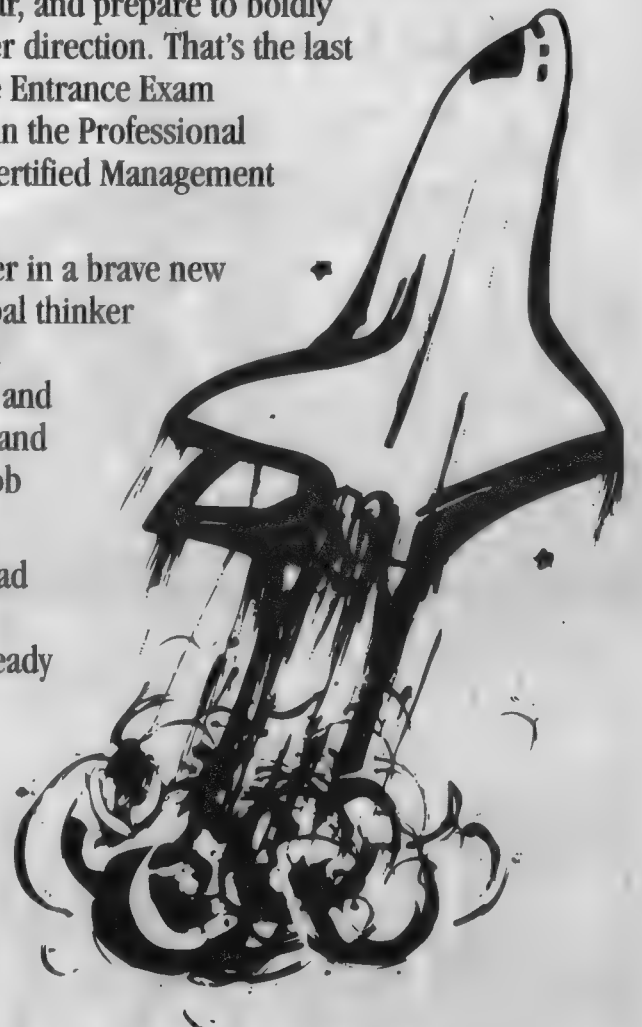
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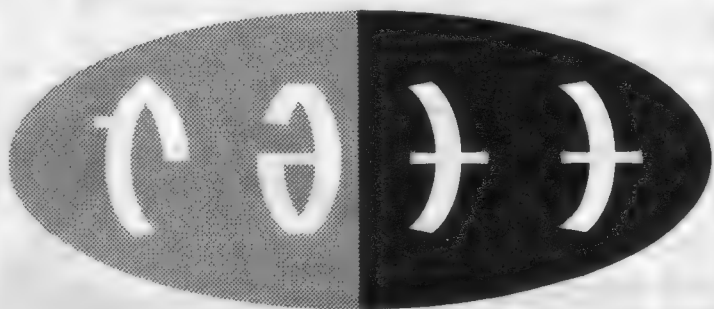
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# Success in the pool

## A chat with swimming coach Dave Johnson

by Curtis Dumonceaux

Another year of training and competition has ended for the U of A swim team. Obviously, the 5-0 records of both Bears and Pandas must rank as one of the major accomplishments. Other feats include beating the previously unbeatable Dinos both here and in Calgary, as well as in the Western Conference and the Nationals; both teams repeating as CWUAA Champions for the first time since the mid-70s; and both teams placing a respectable third at Nationals.

Here are coach Dave Johnson's thoughts on this past season.

**Q: What has made this year different from the past few years that you have been coaching?**

**A:** At the beginning of the year, we (coaches and management) decided to take a slightly different approach to the season—we took the approach of competing more frequently. More than anything, we've competed this year more than any other season in my coaching career here.

The swimmers have tremendously benefitted from this amount of competition. There is no doubt that the teams have improved as a result. Having more competition will be something that we will try to do again next year, because it seemed that they just got better with each meet.

**Q: What improvements did you see this year?**

**A:** Obviously, this year's team was an overall improved version of last year's squad. The teams developed the concept of racing and racing well, which is something that they have not been known to do in the past.

Some swimmers were apprehensive about competing and most of them swam their best at the end of the season (Nationals), which is where it counts.

**Q: What then will be some needed improvements in the future?**

**A:** Starting the season a bit sooner than we usually have been doing will be one objective. This will help in getting everyone in better shape for the Nationals, because what we needed this year was either better placings for those who went, or more swimmers to qualify. If we had two or three extra people, we could have placed even better in the end.

We will need the "peripheral" swimmers, those who didn't qualify for the Nationals, to become more committed to the program in order for them to climb any higher up the ladder of competition.

**Q: What is in store for next year's team?**

**A:** The nucleus of swimmers will change somewhat. We have a

couple of Pandas whose eligibility is done and won't be able to return. Basically, the older elements are moving on, giving way to the newcomers. The nucleus we have seen developing will be good to build up the next cycle of swimmers.

On the men's side, this year we managed to blend the outgoing seniors with a good group of incoming rookies, so there will be a number of swimmers ready to carry the torch left behind.

I'm very satisfied with how this season went. We've demonstrated that we will be in the picture for quite some time, and hopefully I'll be able to fall back on this to try to convince some up-and-coming swimmers that this program is worth considering.

### ROOKS from p. 13

old Goodkey. "I'm not expected to carry the team in any way—I'm just supposed to learn the systems and maybe step up next year."

Goodkey, whose brother is former Bears swimmer Dave Goodkey, is big and skates well for a man his size. However, his two assists in 28 games overall say the Golden Bears coaches have labelled him. And that label says FUTURE.

Also in the not-now box is forward Kevin Ozubko. Not a lot is known about the stocky right-wing, though he did play for Sherwood Park in the AJHL, and is a former Notre Dame Hound from the Saskatchewan Junior League. Ozubko caught the coaches' eyes enough to give him another look, so he travels to Toronto to watch and learn, just like second-year defenceman Richard Groten, who filled the learner role at nationals last season.

Mark Souch has already tasted the nationals experience. As a member of the NAIT Ooks last season, Souch was on the team which won the Canadian College Athletic Association title. Souch scored seven points in three games.

"I think it will be an exciting experience," Souch said of the nationals. "I think it will be a step up from NAIT because of the national coverage."

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Let the tulip dancing begin

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## HAPPY BOB KNOWS

**THURSDAY MARCH 18TH,**  
GALOC presents:  
Forum on Legal Issues, 12:00-2:00pm Education 165.  
Career and Placement Services presents:  
Tourism Career Forum, 6-9pm Tory B-45, Tickets \$3.00 at the Door, \$4.00 at the Door.  
Department of Sociology presents:  
David Whitson speaking on "Professionalization of Sport and the Globalization of Popular Culture," Tory 5-15, 12-1pm.  
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Department of Chemical Engineering presents:  
Jayant Chakravarty speaking on "Characterization of Polyolefine by Temperature Rising Elution Fractionation," 3:30pm Room 342 Chem - Min Eng Building.

**FRIDAY MARCH 19TH,**  
Department of Philosophy presents:  
Phil Hanson speaking on "The Apriority of Postmodernism," 3:00pm Humanities Centre 4-29.  
GALOC presents:  
Dinwodie Disco Revenge, with guest elephants Gerald, tickets available at SU Information Booths.  
Computing Science presents:  
Hausi A. Muller speaking on "Understanding Software Systems using Reverse Engineering Technology," Room 609 GSB at 3:00pm.  
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research presents:  
Dr. Susan Garges speaking on "The Pathway to Transcription Activation by Cyclic AMP Receptor Protein," 3:30pm CW410 Bio Sci Building.  
International Centre presents:  
Samira Luitel speaking on "Womens Education in Nepal," 12noon at the International Centre.

**SATURDAY MARCH 20TH,**  
FEDERATION OF ASIAN STUDENTS PRESENTS:  
About Cultural Night, 6-10pm Centennial Library  
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# CURRENT!!

The Graduate Student Newsletter of  
The University of Alberta



March 1993

Benjamin Chan, Editor-in-Chief

All editing in this issue was done with approval or at the order of the Chief Returning Officer

## GSA Election Information

From Michael Hamilton, GSA Speaker.

The GSA elections for Executive positions will take place on Mar 22. This issue of Current! is being produced to allow all candidates an equal opportunity to reach as much of the graduate student population as possible. The list of candidates given here includes all candidates who had submitted their names by 12:00 pm, Monday, Mar 15. Nominations closed on Tuesday, Mar 16, so there may be other candidates who are not included here. The deadline for submissions to this issue prevented us from waiting until nominations had closed. A complete set of candidate information will be present at the polling stations.

As indicated elsewhere in this issue,

there are seven polling stations. Students are requested to vote at specific locations, but have the option to use any polling station which is convenient. All polling stations will remain open on Mar 22 from 9 am to 5 pm. In addition, to facilitate evening student access, there will be advance polls on Mar 17, and 18, in the Business building, and in the Education building, 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Further, on Mar 22, polling stations in these buildings will stay open until 7:00 pm. A poll station will remain open at the Annual General Meeting until the meeting is adjourned.

Students are reminded that voting will require you to have your Student ID present. (the one with the Yellow band). Votes will be recorded by punching a hole in the student ID card.

## Polling Station Assignments

Graduate students are requested to use the polling stations according to the lists below. The distribution of polling stations is entirely empirical, and may not correspond with the exact location of every student. With that in mind, students may vote at any station, but a list containing their name will only be present at the station assigned to their department.

### Biological Sciences, Microbiology foyer. (#1 on the campus map)

Botany	Entomology	Genetics
Geology	Microbiology	Physics
Psychology	Soil Science	Zoology

### GSA Main Office polling station. 206 North Power Plant. (#52 on the map)

Anthropology	Business - MPM, MBA, PhD	Classics
Economics	English	Geography
Philosophy	Political Science	Sociology
	History	

### Agriculture-Forestry Main Lounge (#79 on the map)

Agricultural Engineering	Animal Science
Clothing & Textile	Family Studies
Food Science	Forest Science
Chemical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
Min/Met/Pet Engg	Physical Ed. & Sports St.
Plant Science	Rec. & Leisure St
Rural Economy	

### Education Building, Main Lobby (#61 on the map)

Anatomy and Cell Biology	Biochemistry	Immunology
Medical Microbiology	Neuroscience	
Medical Sciences	Medicine	
Psychiatry	Lab & Med. Pathology	
Pharmacology	Physiology	
Radiology & Imag Diag		

### Clinical Science, 2nd floor walkway, (#73 on the map)

Applied Sciences in Medicine	Community Medicine
Health Serv & Admin	Nursing
Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy
Rehabilitative Medicine	Speech Pathology & Audiology

**Remember your Student ID.**

## GSA Elections

### Current List of Nominations.

This list is current as of March 15, which was the deadline for Current!! submissions. Further nominations may be put forward. Nominations close at 4:30, Tuesday, March 16. Final lists will be distributed to all departments with all other pertinent voting information following the close of nominations.

A complete summary of candidate biographies will be available at all polling stations for information.

President	Istvan Berkeley	(Clean Slate)
	Frank Coughlan	(Varsity Slate)
	Vincent Tighe	
VP-Internal	Arian Abbasi	(Varsity Slate)
	Benjamin Chan	(Clean Slate)
VP-Academic	Bob Homersham	(Varsity Slate)
	Judith Wildman	(Clean Slate)
VP-Student Services	David Kales	
	Annabelle Syde	
	Robert Turner	(Clean Slate)
VP-Financial Services	Vaughan Radcliffe	(Clean Slate)
	Richard Rosichuk	
	Tom Shwartz	
VP-Communications	Shairaz Baksh	
	Guy Germain	(Clean Slate)
	Steve Ozar	

## Where to Vote

The GSA will be setting up seven polling stations around campus to make it easier to vote. The polling stations will be located in the following buildings:

Agriculture-Forestry - Main Foyer  
Biological Sciences - Main Foyer  
Business Tory Breezeway  
GSA Main Office  
Education - Main Foyer  
Heritage Research Centre - 2nd Floor Walkway  
Clinical Sciences - 2nd Floor Walkway

The voter list will be apportioned between the various stations based on the proximity of the department polling location, but any voter can use any polling station. Proxy votes will require a written signed note, accompanied by the absent member's student ID, if possible.

**Voting requires a valid Student ID card.**

Questions can be forwarded to Michael Hamilton, CRO, and GSA Speaker.



# About the last issue. . .

by Mike Hamilton, Chief Returning Officer

The last issue of Current!! included candidate information from members of the Clean Slate. One of the Clean Slate candidates is Ben Chan, currently the VP-Communications, and responsible for the production of Current!. When the Mar 4 issue of Current! was released, other candidates questioned the publication of only Clean Slate material. Ultimately, a formal complaint was lodged by Bob Homersham.

A special GSA executive meeting was held on Mar 8, and all candidates were invited to attend. The discussion revealed the following facts:

1. In the February report to GSA Council, Ben Chan did state that he was relinquishing production control to Karl Fisher, but would retain editorial responsibility. Ben Chan maintained he did not have any editorial input into the issue, despite the presence of his name as Editor in Chief on the masthead. Karl Fisher, Managing Editor, confirmed this fact.

2. The original idea for the election issue had been discussed by the CRO and the Managing Editor during the week prior to the Mar 4 issue, with the caveat that it would go ahead if the date of the issue could be pushed back to Mar 18.

**It is my opinion that there was no breach of ethics in this case. The situation occurred due to general unfamiliarity with elections at the GSA...and a large amount of miscommunication.**

3. At the same time as the discussion between the CRO and the Managing Editor, the CRO requested bios from the Clean Slate candidates.

4. The Clean Slate candidates submitted the bios directly to the Managing Editor, not to the CRO.

5. The Managing Editor did not confirm that the bios were approved by the CRO for publication, nor did the CRO attempt to contact the Managing Editor to discuss the publication of the bios.

6. When the Mar 4 edition was released, Bob Homersham submitted a formal complaint to the CRO/GSA Speaker, asking that the CRO investigate the matter.

7. At the same time, Arian Abbasi, a declared candidate, and Frank Coughlan, a prospective candidate, contacted the Gateway, complaining of a conflict of interest offence by Ben Chan. They stated at the meeting that Ben Chan had denied that a special election issue of Current! was being produced, interpreting his nega-

tive answer as a general statement about publishing candidate information in Current!. Ben Chan maintains that no mention was made of regular Current submissions, and he answered truthfully that no special issue was being produced.

The GSA Executive found no evidence of a conflict of interest. They did find that Ben Chan had committed an error in judgement with respect to the Mar 4 issue of Current. An apology appears in this issue. The executive also decided that another issue of Current!, dedicated to the election would be produced. All candidates, except members of the Clean Slate would be able to submit bios for publication. In addition,

all candidates, including the Clean Slate, would be allowed one council rep mailing, funded by the GSA. The majority of those present felt that the situation had been resolved in a reasonable and equitable manner.

It is my opinion that there was no breach of ethics in this case. The situation occurred due to a general unfamiliarity with elections at the GSA (this is our first one, and we have no regulations), and a large amount of miscommunication. Ben Chan should have been more explicit regarding his intentions with Current! and the publication of election material. The CRO and the Managing Editor should have discussed whether or not to publish the material. The Clean Slate material should have been submitted to the CRO before publication. The other candidates should have discussed any questions with the CRO, especially prior to airing their concerns in the Gateway.

A large part of the above difficulties arose as a byproduct of the absence of regulations governing elections. Ad hoc regulations are now in place for this election. The CRO and GSA Executive are working to build a set of regulations for future elections, based upon the Student's Union election bylaw.

## The Varsity Slate: Statement of Policies

The Varsity Slate consists of:  
**Frank Coughlan** (candidate for President)  
**Arian Abbasi** (for VP Internal)  
**Robert Homersham** (for VP Academic)  
The Varsity Slate has identified the following issues as most important to graduate students at the University of Alberta:

- 1) FUNDING
- 2) FEES
- 3) HEALTH CARE/DENTAL PLAN
- 4) STUDENT ADVOCACY

1) We believe the GSA executive can make a difference in two significant ways regarding the funding of advanced education in general and graduate studies in particular. Within the university system of government, the Varsity Slate would continue the work of the previous GSA executive towards establishing open and effective lines of communication with the people and administrative bodies that decide funding issues. Towards this, we will responsibly represent your interests on university committees that deal with these (and other) issues by being informed and advocating the position most advanta-

geous to graduate students. With the provincial government, we will try to establish regular, direct meetings with the office of Advanced Education and with the opposition critics of post-secondary education to ensure that grad students' interests are consid-

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ered in their policies and decisions.  
2) The university administration is quite ingenious when it comes to inventing new ways to extract fees from its students. The Varsity Slate pledges to be especially vigilant about fee increases. One issue that requires immediate attention is the proposed increase for course-based Master's degree programs. Presently the fees are equivalent to those for

a thesis-based program, but the proposal would allow the university to charge on a per-course basis instead of a general program fee, which could raise fees by almost \$500, the cost of a single, full-year course. Regarding differential fees for foreign grad students, which are currently 100% of the combined program and library/computing fees, the Varsity Slate is aware of the burden this places on many students. But the issue is by no means simple or uncontroversial: the University of Alberta has the second lowest differential fee among Canadian universities, and international grad students are given preferential consideration for some assistantships. We would actively solicit the opinions of grad students regarding differential fees and explore possibilities for effecting change of this university policy before taking action.

3) There appears to be a lot of interest among grad students for some kind of dental plan, especially those who are over 25 and unmarried and thus not likely covered by either parental or spousal insurance. There

are other GSAs in Canada that provide dental insurance to its members but the costs can be prohibitive: potentially \$400 per student. The Varsity Slate would research the various dental insurance options available and distribute this information to all graduate students so that they can decide if they want such a plan and at what cost.

4) An underutilized service of the GSA executive is its role as advocate for grad students who cannot resolve funding or academic issues within their own departments. The GSA executive has been very effective in appealing students' complaints beyond the departmental level to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, but this advocacy function seems not to be well known to grad students. The Varsity Slate would promote awareness of this and other services and continue to offer effective representation. If you have any questions, suggestions, comments, or would like to meet with the members of the Varsity Slate, please call 492 2561. And please remember to vote.

## Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa

No election material from any GSA electoral candidates was edited out of the March 5 issue of the Current!! I want to make that unequivocally clear. Candidates who were not affiliated with the CLEAN Slate did not submit material. The question is, then, why not? Members of the CLEAN Slate wrote biographies at the request of the Chief Returning Officer. Subsequently, they were submitted to the Current!! at the suggestion of the then Managing Editor, Karl Fischer, to whom I had transferred the responsibility of production. I made an error in judgment in assuming (reasonably I think) that the Chief Returning Officer, Mike Hamilton, had forwarded his request for biographies to all candidates. That was evidently not the case. I also made an error in judgment in not exercising prudential oversight vis-a-vis the content of the paper which, while technically in no way improper (as no election material was excluded), portrayed an all too easily misinterpreted image. My lack of oversight, notwithstanding the fact that I did not supervise production precisely because I wanted to avoid any con-

flict of interest, was especially erroneous in light of the fact that the GSA Constitution and By-laws do not permit the transfer of editorial authority de jure.

For all these errors in judgment I am deeply regretful, and apologize to that effect. The fact of the matter is that the entire misunderstanding was the result of a culmination of a whole plethora of circumstances, all of which were beyond the control of any one individual. Am I sorry that what happened happened? Yes. And I'm also sorry for World War II, just as I am sorry for Hurricane Andrew. Mea culpa.

Mea culpa. Oh that's right, I'm a secular philosopher; I'm exercising poor judgment again, aren't I?

In any case, the situation which manifested itself via the March 5 issue of Current!! did leave much to be desired — with that much I agree. It is my sincere hope that this special issue will put things right. I also want to note, in all fairness to the Chief Returning Officer, that elections are not exactly commonplace at the GSA — the GSA has no detailed elections procedures manual. Hence, the Chief Returning Officer, like myself, was and is only acting on his best judgment. Perhaps there is something important to be learned from all this: we need proper elections procedures.

**Benjamin Chan, Editor-in-Chief**

P.S. The conflict of interest charge was dropped.

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### Please Note:

*election material from members of the CLEAN Slate was published in the last issue of the Current!!*



# Meet the Candidates

**Frank X. Coughlan**  
(Candidate for GSA President)  
**Varsity Slate**

I am an MBA student with an undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Alberta. I am married and have a beautiful, fourteen-month-old daughter.

My experience in politics is both in the real world and in the student world. I have been involved in my own faculty's student elections, the 1992 referendum campaign, federal and provincial elections, and in previous Students Union elections. Unequivocally, my interest in politics is in the practical benefits it can deliver to its constituents. Regarding the GSA, this means continuing to resist burgeoning tuition charges, approaching the issue of an optional dental/health care package for graduate students, and continuing to provide such things as ombudsman services, information, and the "yellow book."

In order to be effective in the university's policy-making arena, I believe that the GSA must be proactive and energetic. By right, we sit on the Board of Governors, the Planning and Priorities Committee, Graduate Studies and Research Council, the Academic Development Committee, the Senate, and many other boards—each should be used as much as possible as a forum for graduate students to positively affect university policy. I believe that the GSA should focus on affecting university policies in these committees because this is where they are conceived and developed—and where policies can be most easily altered.

In addition to its role of promoting graduate student issues within the administration, the GSA has important internal objectives and service commitments, such as the Power Plant and assistantship negotiations. I believe we can be effective if we have clear policy and a clear direction—two things the Varsity Slate can deliver.

The Varsity Slate is committed to defending the interests of graduate students. If you have concerns or questions, give me a call at 492 2561.

**And please remember to vote on March 22, or at the advance evening polls on March 17 and 18.**

Alberta in 1992 with a B.Sc.(Hons) in Physiology. Next year shall be my second towards a PhD. in Experimental Surgery at the Surgical-Medical Research Institute. In this last year, I have served on the General Faculties Council (GFC) and the GSA council and recognized many of the issues facing both the institution and students alike. Drastic measures are required to deal with fiscal restraint and restore this institution, and its academics, as leaders in the world.

If elected, I would ensure the continuance and expansion of the role GSA has in fees and policy decision making at the U of A. I have been involved in many discussions about the future of post-secondary education with Deans and University VicePresidents from Universities of Alberta, Calgary, Athabasca, and Lethbridge, and government representatives from the office of Advanced Education. I enthusiastically desire to work closely with them, as a student and President of the GSA, to guide the future of education in this province. Important issues include the telecommunications link up of this entire province and major revisions to the Student Loan system.

In the next year, proposals shall go forth to the government to approve funding towards moving Alberta to the forefront of modern industry with educational institutions, government, and private industry working in unison. This revolution is so far reaching as to include the implementation of computer-assisted learning in a wide range of your coursework and the replacement of professors with recorded material or tele-conferencing, freeing up the professoriate for more one-on-one interaction and furthering the research interests at the U of A. The importance of Student involvement here cannot be understated. Revisions to the present student loan system shall be made in concert with increased tuitions. If we are to ensure the quality of our education, we must handle this issue strongly and ensure that any sacrifices made by the students, are at least matched equally by provincial and federal governments, as well as the U of A, towards broader access and loan increases which parallel inflation.

I submit myself to you, along with my running-mate, as an instrument to voice your frustration with the current situation and gain back the "power of the people" in this political circus. I represent a style of politics far different than the other two candidates, but I am confident in the current trend towards politicians who are answerable to their constituents. Further, being a student of medical sciences, this office does not further my career aspirations and you can therefore be assured I am not here merely to lengthen my resume. You, as the graduate student, are obligated to vote in this upcoming election, for the future is not only yours, the student behind you is depending on you to maintain the quality of education, and pride in this institution. I look forward to working closely with the graduate student body to ensure your future.

**Arlan Abbasi**  
(candidate for VP Internal)  
**Varsity Slate**

Currently I am a student in the MBA program, specializing in marketing and finance. I completed my B.Sc. at the University of Toronto in 1990, where I specialized in Immunology and Philosophy. After graduating, I decided that my skills could best be put to use in a career in business. I began work immediately in a management consulting firm in Toronto. Then I moved on to banking for a while. Wanting to polish up on my understanding of the ideas behind the world of business, I enrolled in the Economics after-degree program at the U of A in the fall of 1991. I had initially come to Edmonton to be with my family and decided to remain here

after being accepted to the MBA program. I am running for the position of VP Internal largely because I feel I have the experience, stamina, and will to act that is necessary for the job. At the U of T I held office with the Students Union every year that I was an undergraduate. In my second year I was also elected to be the only student representative on the Faculty Council. Last year, at the U of A, I served as the Economics representative on both the Faculty Council and the Faculty of Arts Council. This has given me much insight into the organization and workings of the administration. In addition, I have served on numerous other committees and organizations both inside and outside of school, the most notable of which were serving as president of Pugwash (an organization concerned with the social and ethical implications of science and technology), and of the World University of Peace, which advocates the resolution of conflicts through peaceful negotiation styles.

I see the role of VP Internal as that of a negotiator, coordinator, and integrator. While always acting in the interest of graduate students, the VP Internal must seek a consensus among the executive and councilors in policy formulation and implementation. I hope to bring a sense of direction and experience to this role. One of my most pressing concerns is the underfunding of graduate students. At a very immediate level, the VP Internal can act as advocate for grad students who are not able to resolve funding disputes at the department level. I would certainly promote this advocacy role as well as working diligently in the interests of grad students on committees that deal with funding and fees issues. As a member of the Varsity Slate, I am committed to furthering the interests of graduate students. Call me at 492 2561 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Robert Homersham**  
(candidate for VP Academic)  
**Varsity Slate**

I am a graduate student in English, completing a thesis towards a Master's degree and taking courses towards a Ph.D.. I hold an M.A. in critical theory (a mish-mash of postmodern philosophy and ideological criticism) from the University of Wales, Cardiff, and an undergraduate degree from the U of A in English. My education, I feel, has made me more politically aware and much more self-reflexive about my own prejudices—two rather important prerequisites for someone who hopes to fairly represent the often diverse views of fellow grad students.

There has been an almost chronic ambivalence among the graduate populace towards university politics: this is the first GSA election in four years; often people had to be coerced into accepting a position on the executive. Until recently I would have to include myself among the apparently apathetic. But I think the reasons for this prevailing attitude are fairly obvious: grad students are generally too busy with their own research to get involved with university politics at a practical level, and many aren't actually aware of the function the GSA serves and how it might improve the quality of their educational experience. I became aware of a very important role of the GSA executive when one of its members served as my advocate in a funding dispute I was having with my department. It was her effective intervention that I believe was largely responsible for the matter being resolved equitably, and at least partly responsible for my choosing to run for the position of VP Academic. I realized first-hand that the GSA was an organization that could make a difference—one in which I would like to participate and make more democratic by my participation.

But this advocacy role of the GSA executive is only one responsibility among many. The GSA has at least one seat on univer-

sity committees that decide such vital issues as the allocation of funds and fee increases. Responsible informed representation of graduate student interests on these and other committees can have a substantive effect on university policy. The Varsity Slate, to which I belong, takes very seriously this responsibility and would be an effective lobby for grad students on these policy-making boards. Towards this, the VP Academic, who is responsible for appointing people to several committees from the grad student population at large, can be effective by filling these vacancies with those committed to improving the quality of a graduate education at the University of Alberta. There are such people out there, and if I were to be elected VP Academic, I would be diligent in recruiting them. I would also continue the efforts of the current VP Academic by expanding the well-attended graduate scholarship and fellowship forum to include presentations on the NSERC, SSHRC, and MRC. In addition I would examine the interest in and feasibility of establishing orientation seminars for graduate students new to this university. And I would promote the improvement of communication between the grad student population and the GSA so that you know what it's up to and it knows what you want. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 431 1043. **And please remember to vote on March 22, or at the advance evening polls on March 17 and 18.**

**Vice President Student Services**  
**David A. Kales**

I am an independent democratic alternative candidate for the position of GSA Vice-President Student Services. I have been a graduate student at the University of Alberta since 1986, having received a Master's degree in History. I am currently in the Ph.D. program in Educational Foundations. I was a member of the GSA Council between 1986 and 1988, and again from the fall of 1992, representing the Educational Foundations Graduate Students' Association. For the last six years, I have watched the inner workings of the GSA with keen interest, and I believe I know what graduate students want and expects of its Association.

I am running for the GSA Executive because I want to see a return to the principles of democracy, accountability and representation, which have been sorely lacking of late. For many years, cliques have formed within the GSA concerned more with obtaining power and influence than with representing graduate students. The revisionist changes to the GSA Constitution, and the entry of the "CLEAN SLATE" (consisting of present and former GSA Executive) has convinced me that an INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE is needed to restore democracy within the GSA at all levels, make the Executive accountable to the Council and all graduate students, and ensure that the GSA is truly representative of all graduate students.

If elected, I will work to my utmost to make sure that these three principles are being applied in theory and in practice. I will work FOR graduate students, not for myself. To this end, I will rescind undemocratic elements in the Constitution, enshrine a recall mechanism to force Executive members to be held accountable for their actions, and will personally rescind the \$300 monthly stipend, turning it over to a GSA Emergency Fund for graduate students in real financial need.

Within my portfolio - Student Services - I will work diligently to improve and expand a wide range of services for graduate students. These include implementing a number of services to minimize the financial and personal sacrifices that graduate

**Vincent M. Tighe**  
(Candidate for GSA President)

Towards the aim of avoiding the grandiose verbiages, beauracracies, and general lack of effectiveness associated with traditional politics, I would like to offer you, the graduate student, the alternative. I have entered this race with a deep concern for the obvious plight of graduate students in every faculty and a sense of obligation to represent you with the unified voice of a new GSA.

I graduated from the University of

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students have had to make, including pension, health and dental plans, graduate parking areas, free electronic mail, GSA funded bursaries, GSA international student bursaries, and an emergency fund. I will work to make graduate experience more rewarding by developing research data bases, interdisciplinary research colloquiums, an alternative to the Students' Union Book Store, and extensive electronic networking. For social life, the Back Room will be open earlier on weekdays and Saturdays, more frequent social events will be held, including free movie nights, guest speakers and dart tournaments. Together, we can make your Association more democratic, accountable and representative.

#### Annabelle Sydie

Candidate for VP Student Services

In April 1992, I graduated from the University of Alberta with a BSc majoring in Zoology. The following September I began a MSc thesis program in the department of Experimental Surgery. I am presently involved in several projects concerned with the immunology of pancreatic islet transplants as a treatment for Diabetes Mellitus.

I see the position of VP Student Services as a great challenge for the upcoming year in light of the political changes that will occur in the fall both provincially and federally. As budgets are likely to be cut and policies changed, students will hopefully become more active in voicing their concerns. In my opinion, the office of VP Student Services is one whose name speaks for itself. The elected spokesperson should be a service person for the graduate student body, an active voice for graduate student's concerns.

If elected VP Student Services two issues in particular which will warrant attention and that I will set as priorities are:

1. While it is needed, the continuation of a functioning and active Campus Food Bank. A long term goal will be to press for increased support from the University itself so that food banks become unnecessary and not simply a short term method of resolving a key issue, that being lack of adequate Graduate Student Funding. In pursuit of this goal I intend to be vocal at the Senate level.

2. Press for the establishment of a student assault centre that would offer counselling for all forms of sexual assault and abuse which would be available to the whole student body.

If elected VP Student Services I will attempt to create an effective liaison between the graduate student body and the GSA to answer concerns, and to be a strong voice in articulating those concerns and issues with the faculty and administration.

#### Richard R. Rosichuk

Candidate for VP Financial Services

Here is some information about myself for a publication of CURRENT!! and to the electorate who will vote in the upcoming GSA election.

#### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- I have owned and operated my own business in the past. As such I was responsible for all functions of the business from customer service to accounting. I kept my own accounts and was able to turn a profit. No small feat when you consider the problems of small business in today's economy.

- I was elected and served as VP Finance for the now defunct SSEC (The Social Studies and English Council) at the University of Alberta during the final two years of my undergraduate degree (1990-91). While I admit that it was a fairly small organization the budgetary principles remain the same, both for a small business and for any other organization. I was also involved in the drafting of its constitution.

#### PERSONAL QUALITIES

- I try to be fair and consistent in dealing with people.

- I display enthusiasm for the task I am involved with.

- I work easily well as part of a team or alone.

- I am open to new ideas.

- I am ready and willing to discuss anything at any time.

- I am responsible in keeping appointments and I am generally on time.

Some things that I am interested in accomplishing if I am elected are:

a) The start of a medical/dental plan for Graduate students.

b) The possibility of setting up GSA sponsored awards to supplement the General awards now in existence.

c) The feasibility of a cooperative funding venture (with the SU) to renovate the 10th floor room in Ed South to enable it to become a smoking area. (a personal wish as well since I am one of those much maligned smokers)

d) Increased awareness and increased funding of the Food Bank.

A final note. I am able to be completely businesslike, as befits the position for which I am standing to be elected.

I would encourage anyone who wishes to speak with me to do so. I am located in 174 Ed North on the 5th floor Ed Foundations dept.

On March 22, I will hope that you vote for me. I do urge everyone however to get out and vote. It is your democratic right SO EXERCISE IT!

#### Tom Schwartz

Candidate for Vice-President (Financial Services) of the Graduate Students' Association

I am twenty seven years old and currently in the third year of the MBA/LLB combined program. My undergraduate background is a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance concentration) degree from the University of Calgary. During the past year I have served as the Vice-President (Services) for the GSA.

The new position of VP Financial Services was created as a combination of the present VP Finance position and the elements of the present VP Services position related to Power Plant operations. The rationale was that these two executive members have always needed to work closely together, therefore it was feasible to combine their duties and responsibilities to some extent.

This brings me to my reason for running and why I believe I am the right person for the position. My record shows that I have worked hard in pursuit of GSA goals and have achieved them. As VP Services I was responsible for implementing and managing the Back Room Lounge construction process; for the renegotiation of the previously illegal contract with our bar managers, Wrightmoore, at an increase of base rent of \$34,000/year (according to most recently available figures, the increase in total rent will be about \$27,000 (23%) for the year beginning February 1, 1993); the tendering of our janitorial contract to find a savings of \$9,000 for the GSA; as well as taking care of day-to-day operational needs of the Power Plant.

It is the completion of the major projects outlined above, along with work done by our current VP Finance, Ross Bentley, such as clearing up our GST problems, streamlining the GSA budget, and changing banks, that allow for the combination of the two positions. It also makes it clear to me that it will be extremely advantageous to have one of us carry on in the combined portfolio this year to provide much needed continuity. Given my intimate understanding of the changes that have taken place this year I can turn my mind without distraction to other areas over the upcoming year. These include finding other, less obvious, areas for cost savings; looking seriously at other avenues for marketing the Back Room to ensure optimal usage for Graduate Students; continuing to ensure accurate financial record keeping and information for council and executive decision making; and generally serving the Graduate Students of this University.

#### Shairaz Bakash

Vice-President Communications

Communications is an integral part of today's society. Lack of communications inevitably leads to break up of relation-

ships - something I'm quite sure we can all relate to! It is the job of the communicator to ensure that everyone is well informed about the issues so that they (the public) can make decisions based on knowledge of the facts. This is exactly why I want to run for Vice-President (Communications). I want my public (my fellow graduate students) to know all the facts and keep them informed.

My name is SHAIRAZ BAKSH, born on November 20, 1968 in Guyana, South America. I moved to Canada when I was seven years of age, lived in Montreal for one year, and then moved to the lovely wild rose province of Alberta. I have been here since, with only a four-year break to live in Nigeria, Africa from 1980-1984. I graduated in 1990 with my Bachelor of Science degree with specialization in Biochemistry. Currently, I am a doctoral student in the Medical Sciences program in the Department of Pediatrics. As part of the Cardiovascular Disease Research Group, I have realized the importance of communication and on the same note - miscommunication.

I started voicing my opinion as a member of my high school's Grade 10 student council and later as a member at large on my Grade 12 student council. Both of these committees were involved in organizing community fund raisers, keeping students informed as to what the school would offer, and what lay ahead after graduation. I joined the Biochemistry Students Association in 1989 and was actively involved in organizing it and voicing my opinion on the fine line between graduate and undergraduate level courses.

It appears that this may be the GSA's most trying year. Major policy changes are being implemented such as Graduate Assistantships and the differential fees for foreign students; and these changes will be closely monitored by me if I'm elected. Our magazine CURRENT!! will be more important this coming year to keep graduate students and prospective graduate students informed as to how these new policy changes are being implemented and how they will be affected. Did you know that we (graduate students) have our own newspaper? Not too many graduate students do!! Keeping this paper alive will be one of my major goals if I am elected. I think one of the major problems is that most graduate students do not know about this magazine and hence are not aware of major issues facing us. I am located in the Heritage Medical Research Centre and together with the Medical Sciences Building, we do not get the Gateway. I have asked eight graduate students and only two knew about this magazine - that's a dismal 25% awareness of CURRENT!!! I have found the same thing

in Chemistry! Something has to be done about it, and I think when more people are aware of the magazine, we would have no problems filling it. There are lots of small things happening on campus with respect to graduate life and CURRENT!! is an excellent venue to place these stories. I do hope you will support me on March 22, 1993.

#### Steve J. Ozar

candidate for VP-Communications

Credentials...

23 years of age

Bachelor of Science (Honours Psychology) from U of A

currently in first year of two-year Masters of Library and Information Studies program

I have worked on campus in various capacities:

- Teaching Assistant for a Statistics Course (1991)

- Literature Searches for a professor (1991)

- Working part-time for the Canadian Cooperative Preservation Project in Cameron Library (currently)

Some Interests...

Reading Hard Science Fiction

Camping, Hiking, Spelunking, Mountain Biking

Collecting old books, listening to good music, and having coffee with friends on Whyte Avenue

Tobogganing and skiing (when I can) in Edmonton winters

Movies at the Princess, and the Fringe in Edmonton summers

Objectives...

I am running for VP-Communications for two main reasons. One, to get involved and, in so doing, competently represent the views of graduate students on Campus. Two, for the hands-on learning experience with the political process in the capacity of Communications and as part of a larger team.

I would, if elected, improve the Graduate Students Handbook (get more sponsors, make it more useful to us). Also, the status of the Current is up in the air as the Managing Editor for the past year and a half has resigned citing student apathy. I am interested in the Graduate Students views on this issue and others. These include a proposed Dental Plan, a proposed Differential Fees Lawsuit, Workshops to aid students in starting businesses, and so on. Perhaps a simple survey could be mailed to every student asking your views. After all, if the GSA can justify your fees to mail you these biographies, then certainly a survey which asks your views is not too much to ask of your GSA. Come out and vote on March 22.

It's not an exercise  
in futility, it's an  
exercise in  
*Democracy*

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